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DRIVE ON CHANNEL

NAZI CLAIMS TREATED WITH RESERVE IN ALLIED CIRCLES ARRAS AND AMIENS FALL: GERMAN TANKS MOVE FAR AHEAD OF BASES IN GREAT "BLITZ" EFFORT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, MAY 22 (UP).—THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND CLAIMS TO HAVE REACHED THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.

These reports are being treated with reserve in London. It is admitted, however, that a few mechanised units may have succeeded in reaching the coast. This could be accomplished without cutting off Allied communications with the forces operating in Belgium, or making the situation necessarily precarious. **PRESSED ENERGETICALLY**

It is further admitted that the Nazi drive towards the Channel is being pressed energetically.

The Germans claim to have taken Arras, Amiens and Abbeville.

Arras and Amiens are over fifty miles from the scene of yesterday's heavy fighting at St. Quentin and Le Cateau.

Information available in London shows that the German claims are undoubtedly exaggerated.

But it is officially announced in Paris that the Germans have taken Arras and Amiens.

Arras is 50 miles from the Channel, and 55 miles from Boulogne and Calais.

Amiens is 55 miles from Dieppe.

Abbeville is only 15 miles from the Channel between Boulogne and Dieppe.



"Incredible Mistakes" Will Be Punished

—Reynaud

PARIS, May 21 (Reuter).—France and England cannot be beaten. They cannot die, declared M. Paul Reynaud when he addressed the Senate to-day.

"If people say to me 'a miracle is needed to save France' I would say I believe in miracles. I believe in France."

"Since this morning Arras and Amiens have been occupied by the Germans."

Referring to the collaborations between himself, Marshal Petain and General Weygand, M. Reynaud said, "We must have confidence in our great leaders, our soldiers and our airmen."

Country In Danger

"The country is in danger and I shall tell the Senate and the nation the truth."

"The French divisions are not numerous on the Meuse."

"The better troops have been sent to Belgium."

"By reason of incredible mistakes, which will be punished, the

Military circles in London point out that the Germans have advanced ahead of their bases at such a rapid pace that they must remain in perpetual danger of losing most of their tanks and motorised units, which have advanced far ahead of the infantry.

MAY COST NAZIS WAR

Any wastage in this direction might cost Germany the war.

Even if the Germans succeed in establishing a line from Sedan to the coast it is entirely possible that the Allies in Belgium could force a way to the south.

Military authorities point out that if the Germans get control of Belgium and northern France, the Allies can reform along the Somme and Aisne rivers.

The German gains would control the French shore and the Straits of Dover thus hampering Allied communications across the Channel as well as putting German planes within striking distance of Britain and giving the Germans the choice of driving on Paris or waging an intensified war against Britain.

England Prepared

While Britain is preparing swiftly and firmly for invasion, important military theorists hold that the invasion of England by sea is "impossible," due to Germany's loss of one-third of their fleet.

It is pointed out that the transportation of tanks to England is virtually impossible, because few ships could handle 70-ton tanks.

Even if some would be embarked and disembarked from special ships, there could only be a few which would not present a serious factor.

Moreover, it is believed here that German transports could not land in the face of British aviation, sea power, mine protection and shore batteries.

Namur Forts Fall?

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The Berlin news agency states that it learns from well-informed quarters that the last fort in Namur, which was still resisting, has been taken by the Germans.

Official Reports

PARIS, May 21 (Reuter).—Today's communiqué says: "In the region north of the Somme the enemy is continuing his pressure. In pushing his advance elements as far as Amiens and Arras."

"On the rest of the front, the situation is unchanged despite local efforts by the enemy."

"There is intense activity by our reconnaissance aircraft and bombing formations who, with the collaboration of naval bombing units, have successfully harassed enemy troops on the ground."

"The minimum number of enemy planes shot down by French aircraft and A.A. defence alone between May 9 and May 19, is now known to be 300."

B.E.F. Fighting Hard

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Latest reports reaching London show that the B.E.F. is fighting well on the positions assigned to it and that it is in good heart.

Death Penalty For Enemy Parachutists

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 21 (UP).—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Churchill announced that all stages of the Treachery Bill—whereby the death penalty will be inflicted on parachutists landing in civilian clothes—will be heard on Wednesday.

Simultaneously all stages are to be taken in a Bill amending the National Service and Armed Forces Act which will make legal the status of "parashooters"—anti-parachutist contingents.

BRITISH FIGHTING "LIKE HELL"

They Still Go Singing Into Battle

LONDON, May 21 (From Reuter's Special Correspondent with the B.E.F. Somewhere in France).—There is little light to be thrown on the multitude of fierce encounters which are occurring in various places.

These places are scattered over an area of about 1,000 square miles, some near the frontier and some near the British zone, where one evacuated town was the scene of street fighting yesterday.

But it is still impossible to refer to a front.

In the words of an officer who is a prisoner of war, "The British were everywhere 'fighting like hell'."

Spirit Remains High

The spirit of the British soldiers remains apparently as high as ever. "I saw one lorry load on its way to reinforce one area of the battle, filled with singing men."

Air action continues on the same scale. Last night I saw street casualties inflicted by German bombs, and no one can count on a night's rest now.

SITUATION IN CHINA

Mr. Butler Says No Material Change

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Robert Gibson asked the Government to make a statement regarding the political situation in China.

Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said there had been no recent change of importance. Some fighting, in which both sides claimed successes, had taken place in Central China.

He understood that there had been no interruptions of missionary activities in the province of Shensi. Any steps to afford alternative medical and educational facilities provided by the missionary bodies in Shansi and other Japanese-occupied areas were supplementary to, and were in no way intended to replace those provided by the State.

Hospitals Re-opened

Mr. Butler added that a number of hospitals were recently re-opened and that it was hoped that further progressive improvements would occur.

Mr. J. J. Davidson, of the Opposition, asked if British policy was regarding this matter "one of complete neutrality, and if so, would the Minister keep in mind what Mr. Winston Churchill had said with regard to neutrals?"

Mr. Butler expressed his inability to follow all Mr. Davidson's insinuations but he could say that our policy was to secure improvements wherever possible.

Mr. Davidson remarked that the Chinese Embassy claimed that they recently won one of the greatest victories in the war.

Mr. Butler—"Yes, Mr. Quo Tai-chi communicated to us recently certain reports of that character."

No cause for alarm, Cooper declares

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Mr. Duff Cooper, Minister of Information, in a broadcast to-night declared that the news is grave, but there is no cause for serious alarm, still less for panic.

By the successful employment of a new technique, small bodies of the German army have succeeded in penetrating a great distance. But they are small bodies, and the army of Britain and the far greater army of France are still there. They are neither in retreat, nor have they suffered heavy loss.

It is impossible to understand what is happening while the battle is still in progress. We hear that one vantage point has been gained, another lost, another regained; and out of these scraps of news imagination is inclined to build vast structures of conjecture.

Three Undisputed Facts

"Three facts alone can be definitely stated. Firstly, the present objective of the enemy is the Channel ports, from where he hopes to launch war upon this island."

"Secondly, small parts of his mechanised troops have succeeded in eluding their opponents, in advancing 'great distances' and coming near to their objective."

"Thirdly, the armies of England and France are undefeated."

"In enormously superior numbers they occupy the battlefield and the counter-attack, when it comes, should prove formidable."

"The swaying fortunes of the fight matter little. It is the end of the battle that counts, and, as I told you last week-end, the end of this battle, whatever it may be, cannot entail the defeat of Great Britain and France in war."

"Meanwhile it is the old story which has been told over and over again, and which nevertheless always comes as a surprise to everyone. The sudden advance, the unexpected weight of the attack, the initial gains, are far greater than were expected—it is the story of August, 1914 and March, 1918, and let us hope it will find the same ending."

Close To Our Shores

"Meanwhile, it is for each one of us to play our part. The battle is being brought close to our shores, so that each and everyone of us is taking part in it. Therefore we are all soldiers, and as such must acquit ourselves."

"The first quality of a soldier is courage, a quality in which I am confident we shall not be found lacking. Let me repeat to you a warning against the cancer of rumour. I have experienced a good example of it myself this afternoon."

"I was told by a perfectly reliable and truthful reporter that the Premier of France had said that nothing but a miracle could save his country. I could hardly believe so slight a fighter as M. Reynaud had said anything of the sort, but I am afraid I repeated to several people what I had been told, and it was not until I came to read the actual account that I found he had said something quite different."

What He Really Said

"His message was one of supreme confidence; he firmly announced his faith that nothing could defeat the united forces of the French Republic and the British Empire, and he added that if to-morrow, or at some future date any faint-hearted person were to come to him and say that nothing but a miracle could save France, he would feel confident that the miracle would be performed because he had faith in the salvation of France."

"I think these grave events will act, indeed they have already acted, to turn the tide of the war."

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LATEST

PARACHUTE TROOPS IN ACTION

Play Big Part In Somme Attack

PARIS, May 21 (Reuter).—Parachute troops, armed with incendiary equipment and explosives, appear to have taken a leading part in a strong German attack launched north of the Somme late this afternoon and during the night, according to reports received here.

They made immediately for road junctions, stations and bridges as well as for public buildings.

Must Have Assistance

It is pointed out that such troops, dropped in large numbers as was the case last night, may create a serious situation. However, they cannot carry out thorough occupation without the help of considerable ground forces, especially infantry.

Last night's attack seems to have been aimed rather at weakening the Allied resistance than in obtaining an immediately decisive result. The ground part of the attack was led by motor cyclists and light armoured units boldly launched westward.

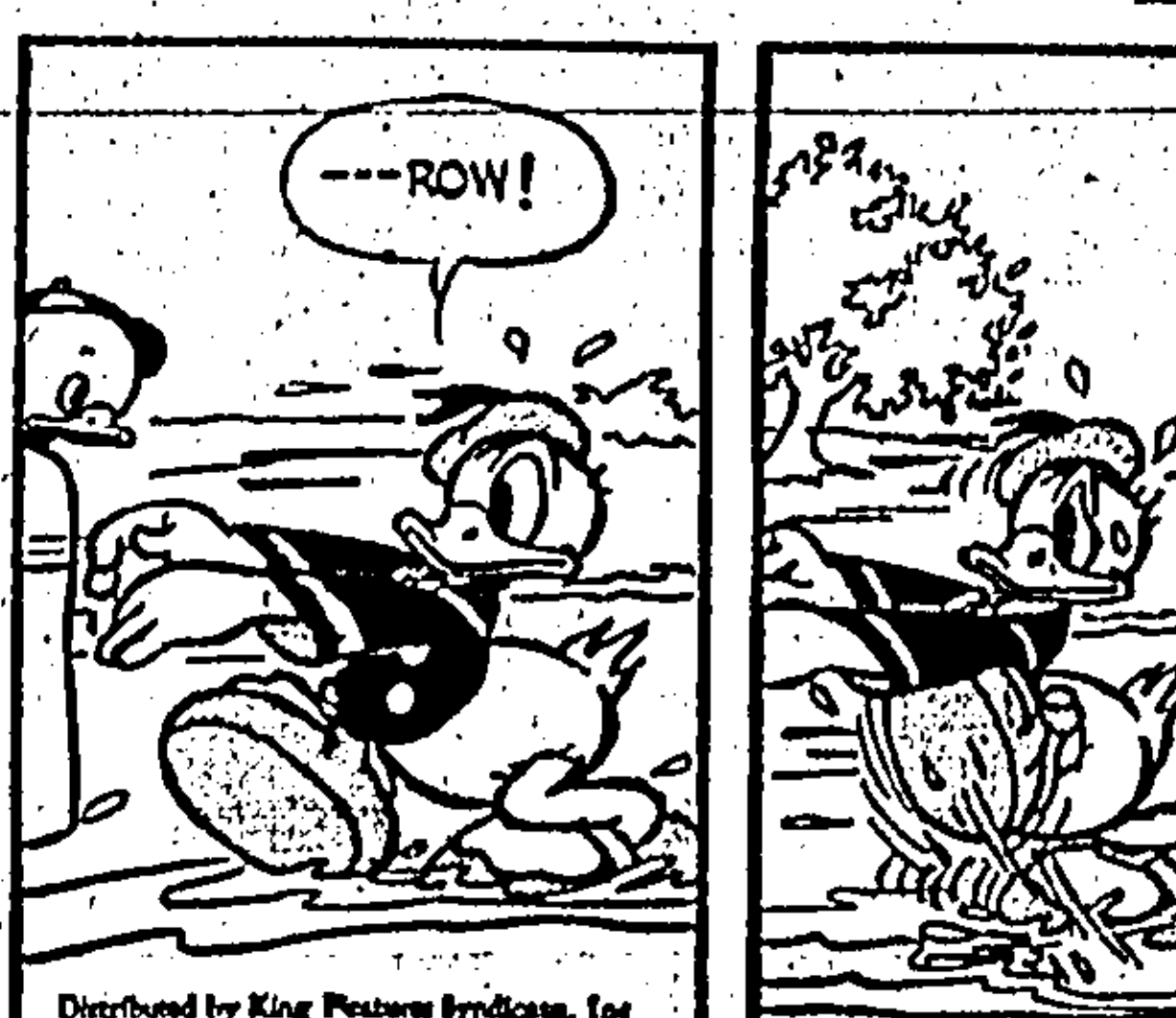
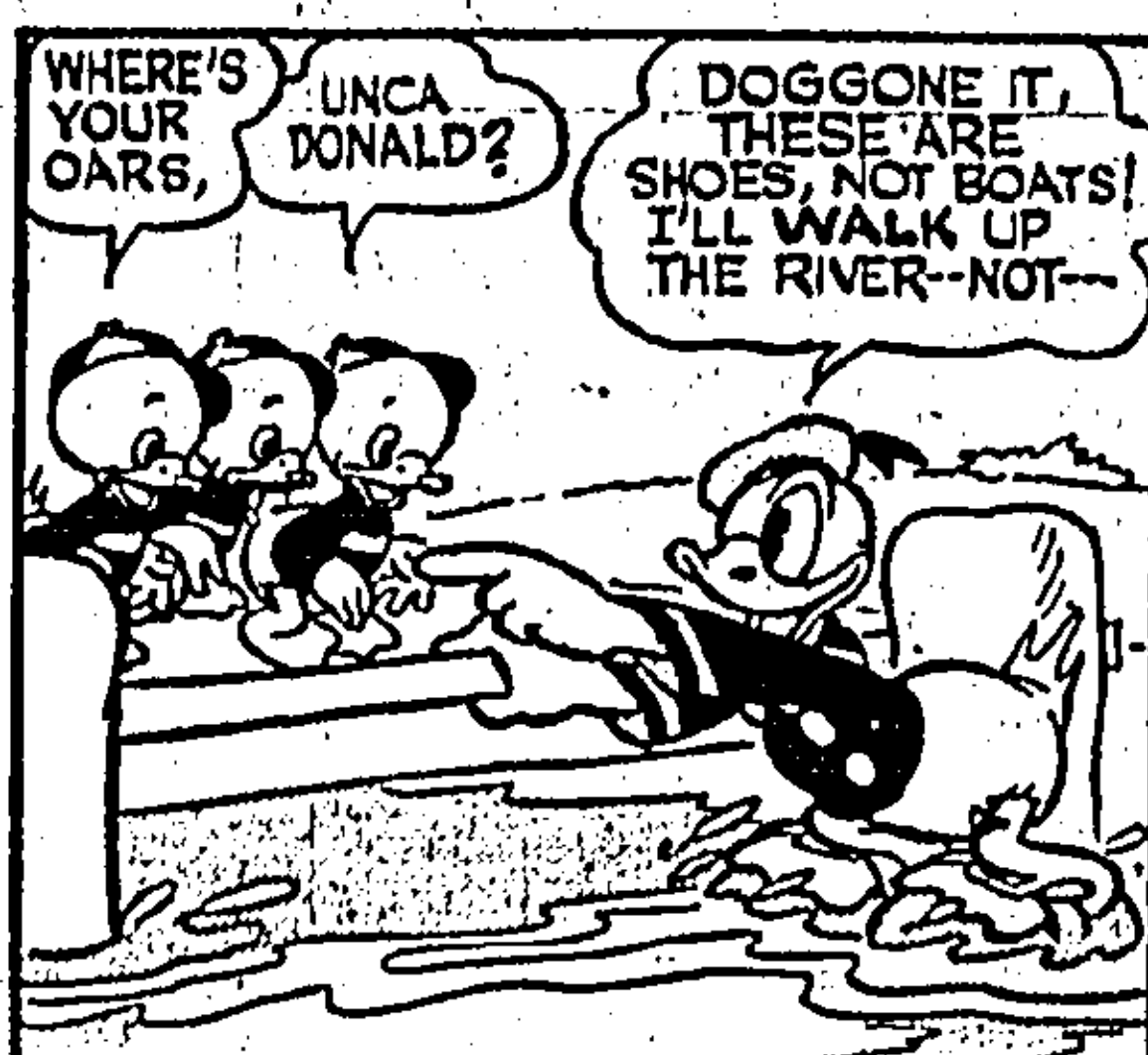
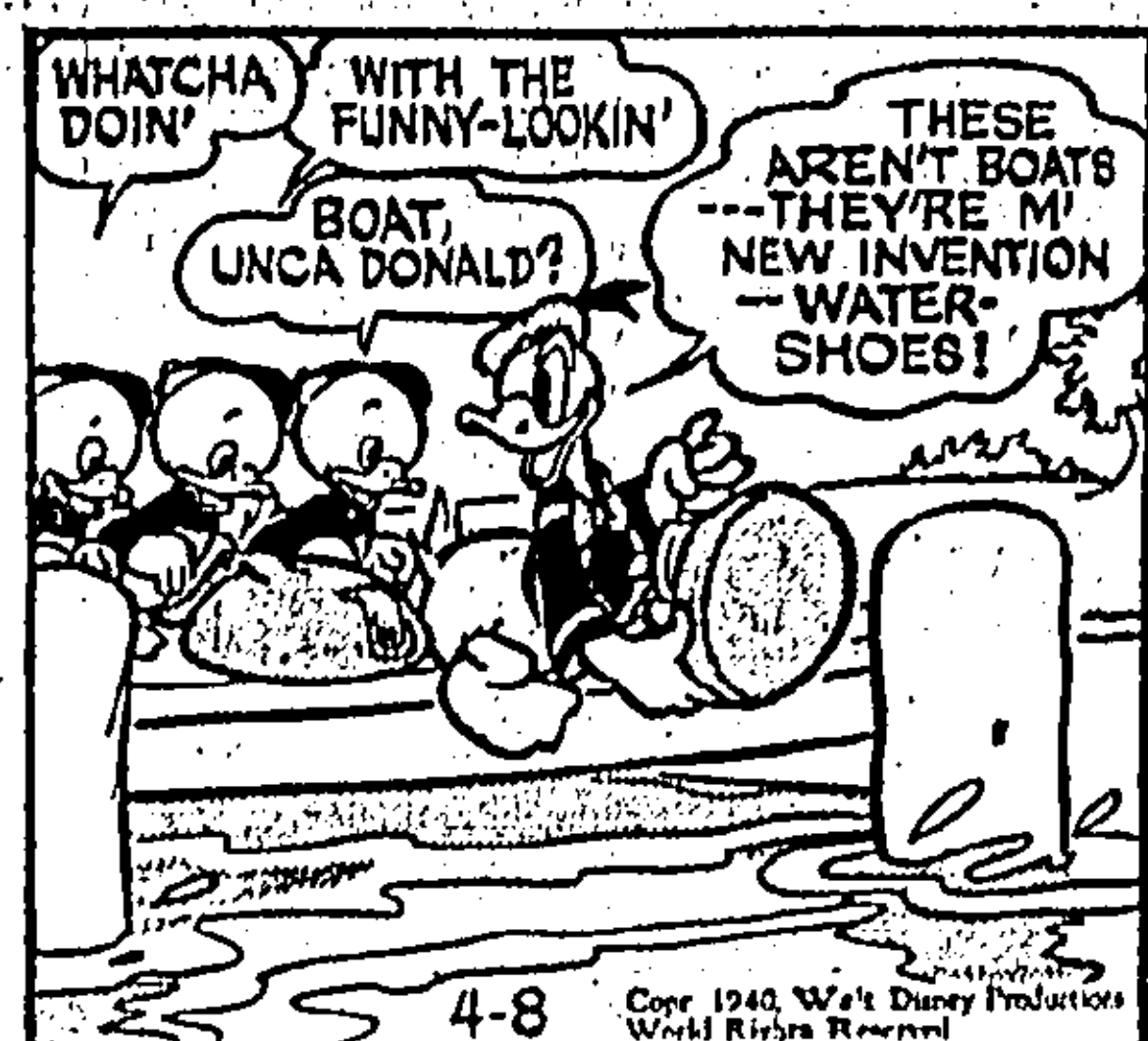
Italian War Fever Mounts

ROME, May 21 (Reuter).—The cumulative effect of "Now or Never" propaganda is preparing the man in the street for what many regard as an inevitable decision—for many now believe that Italy's entry into the war is only a question of days.

The war atmosphere has been heightened by the increased activity in all principal centres. Troops in field kit were marching through Rome to-day.

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Nazi Steamer Sunk By Mine

Few Allied Ships Lost In Past Week

London, May 21. The Admiralty announced to-day that the German steamer *Campania* struck a mine and sank on May 10.

During the week ending midnight on May 12 the Allied mercantile losses totalled 15,000 tons, of which the British lost 9,955 tons, or less than half the weekly average since the war began.

The total German mercantile losses are 820,000 tons, or nearly 20 per cent. of the German pre-war tonnage.

Up to May 15 the British, Allied and neutral ships in convoy loss ratio was only one in 670 approximately. The loss ratio of neutral ships was merely one in 1,021.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

British Cruiser Lost

London, May 21. H.M.S. *Edinburgh* struck an uncharted rock in Norway to-day and sank. There were no casualties. The *Edinburgh* was a cruiser of 9,500 tons and was built in 1921. It is the first British cruiser to be lost since the war began.—*United Press*.

Claims By Berlin

Berlin, May 21. A High Command communiqué states: "During reconnaissance over the sea off the French coast, one French destroyer, the French naval tanker, the *Niger* of 5,402 tons, the French freighter *Pavon* and two other freighters were severely damaged.

"During the night of May 20-21 in the Straits of Dover six transports and tankers with a tonnage of 43,000 tons were sunk by bombs. Four other ships with a total of about 13,000 tons were severely damaged."—*United Press*.

Losses Near Narvik

Berlin, May 21. A High Command communiqué says that bomb hits probably caused the abandonment of a heavy cruiser and also severely damaged a battleship of the *Resolution* class, two other warships and three merchant ships off Narvik yesterday.—*United Press*.



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The Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi St., Kowloon.
The Inspector, 52, Argyle St., Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses borne, by the Society. The informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

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PUBLIC HOLIDAY

On Friday, the 24th May, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, Shungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays, one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11.30 a.m. and one delivery of registered correspondence at 11 a.m. There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taiipo and Un-Lung. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where no time is given to close at or before 8 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILED

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 15th May.
May 22.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 14th May
May 22.
Manila
Canton
Haiphong
Straits
Japan and Manila
Canton
Straits
Japan
Straits
Japan
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 15th May.
May 25.
Japan and Manila
Straits
Straits
May 25

OUTWARD MAILED

Wednesday, May 22
Bangkok
Saigon
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 15th May.
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Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. May 22, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. May 22, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Reg. May 22, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. May 22, 7.00 p.m.

Sandakan
Straits
Fort Bayard and Holloway
Amoy
Bangkok
Friday, May 24
Canton
Straits
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa
10.30 a.m.

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. May 25, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 25, 5.30 p.m.
Monday, May 27
Manila
Haiphong
Straits
Africa, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London via Long-Sun-Route.

K. P. O.
Parcels 3 p.m.
Reg. 5 p.m.
Ord. 5.30 p.m.

G. P. O.
Parcels 3 p.m.
Reg. 5 p.m.
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Canton
Tuesday, May 23
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Amoy
Bangkok
Friday, May 24
Canton
Straits
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa
10.30 a.m.

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island.
G.P.O. and K.P.O.

Reg. May 28, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 28, 5.30 p.m.
Monday, May 27
Manila
Haiphong
Straits
Africa, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London via Long-Sun-Route.

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A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1890.
Steam boats are now made by hydraulic power in England. They are said to be produced at about the same cost, (this was the birth of rivetting as we know it to-day).—*Ed.*

It is not out of place to cast a glance into the future in order to discern in what direction electric railways are working. One of their main objective points is to attain higher speed than is now reached with the fastest express train, and enough has already been demonstrated to show that this is by no means impossible. There has been for some time in operation at Laurel, Md., a system of electric railway originally designed by David G. Weems. When it was recently inspected by the writer, with his watch in hand, he noted a speed of 100 miles an hour. The electric car there employed is cigar shaped, pointed at both ends. The electric motors are constructed with a revolving armature which is mounted directly on the axle and the electric current is taken from the overhead by means of a sliding contact. The car is so constructed that it can be run at the high speed at which this car is run, the resistance due to the air is far the greater retarding influence; much greater, in fact, than the resistance due to the electric current, which at lower speeds is predominant.

A demonstration in favour of the eight hours a day movement took place on May 4 in Hyde Park. Two immense processions were formed and marched to the Albert Hall, where at least one hundred thousand persons took part. Perfect order prevailed.

25 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1915.
The papers are devoting much space to the question of National Service. While the conservative press is generally anxious, a section of the Liberal press is likewise advocating such a measure. The *New Statesman* and *Chronicle*, "State and the Economist," however continue to oppose.

Field Marshal Sir John French in a communiqué states that since May 25, 1915, the British have been made East of the Albert Canal, and have been quite quiet.

A British aeroplane brought down a German Zeppelin (Belgium).

A Paris communiqué states: "We easily repulsed an attack in the Lorette district."

10 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1930.
Definite evidence of the split in the Labour Cabinet is forthcoming by the resignation of Sir Oswald Mosley, the Minister of the Duchy of Lancaster, a position which gives him Cabinet rank. Sir Oswald's resignation follows the publication of a memorandum by members of the Left Wing of the Labour Party, including Sir Oswald Mosley, regarding the Government's policy of non-interference with the employment of unemployed men. The Cabinet recently rejected the memorandum which advocated the lavish expenditure of borrowed money.

5 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1935.
A strong complaint against Italy is contained in a telegram received by the League of Nations Council to-day from the Emperor of Ethiopia. The Emperor claims that Italy, since the incident at Ualul when Italian colonial troops and Italian mercenaries clashed with the Emperor's forces, had employed every diplomatic effort to evade her international obligations to prevent an impartial examination of the differences between the two countries.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: "Enquiries on a moderately extensive scale came into the market during the day. Some bargains were acquired but at the close scrip was not quite so plentiful."

Buyers

H.K. Banks \$1,310
Union Insurance \$445
China Lights (Old) \$0.90
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Sellers

Docks Rts. \$0.20
Sales
Union Insurance \$455
Docks Rts. Rts. \$10 1/4
Lands \$4
Humphreys \$9
Trams \$10 1/4
China Lights (Old) \$0.90

LOCAL ESTATE

Local estate sworn under \$3,000 was left by the late Mr. Walter Alexander Hunt, otherwise known as Walter Hung, general merchant, who died at the age of 30 years on December 18, 1939, at the Chinese Hospital. Letters of administration of the estate have been granted to the widow, Hung Lo-shi.

16 Million Tons Oil Shortage

SIXTEEN million tons of oil is Goring's biggest headache of the moment.

The figure is the difference between the amount of oil Germany needs each year (18,000,000 tons) for successful prosecution of the war on all fronts, and the oil she can produce herself (2,000,000 tons).

Sixteen million tons—where to get them? Oil now gets daily prominent discussion in the German newspapers.

Two hundred and seventeen million tons of oil the world produces yearly and Germany begs just sixteen millions.

WHERE to look first? To Rumania—there six million tons a year are produced. To Russia—28 million tons.

How much of this can Germany get? Russia's maximum annual export has been one million tons.

Rumania is an economic battlefield where the Allies' pound and franc are the mightier weapons.

And over the seas, in the United States, in the Americas, in the British and French Empires, lie vast markets producing 220,000,000 tons a year. Untouchable, blockaded—for Germany. Controlled, cornered—for the Allies.

Another line of attack is employed. Columns have been devoted to showing how, by depriving Germany of the bulk of her oil, Rumania is acting against her own interests.

And then—"English Secret Service agents were responsible for sabotage, arson, and explosions in the oil fields, thus paralysing the industry. England acts always out of self-interest, never through a sense of obligation."

EXAMPLE: From the Foreign Press Bureau came this tirade at Britain over the dispute which the Nazis say is raging between the Allies and Rumania on the question of oil supplies:

"A typical example of the ruthlessness with which England is accustomed to ride roughshod over neutral interests."

AIR FORCE RAIDS

London, May 21. Pilots of the R.A.F. report that they carried out a series of raids on enemy troop concentrations, aerodromes and lines of communications on Sunday. There were so many aircraft in the sky that the pilots never knew from what direction the attack would come.

The British planes are said to have scored a direct hit on an enemy motorized column advancing at Landrecies. The houses on either side of the main road collapsed across the highway.—*United Press*.

Attacks During Night

London, May 21. The Air Ministry announces heavy bombing attacks on Monday on enemy lines of communications and troop concentrations in the areas immediately behind the fighting fronts in France and Belgium. The attacks were continued at night.

The pilots returned after bombing oil tanks at Rotterdam where there was a tremendous explosion. A yellow glow lit up the whole area and a column of smoke drifted to a height of 7,000 feet.—*United Press*.

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12.30 Terence Casey at the Organ.
12.44 Alfredo Campoli and His Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Dance Music by Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Haydn—Symphony No. 93 in D Major.

Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Schumann—Overture "Mantfred," Op. 118.

The E. B. C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.

6.14 Schumann—Trio in D Minor, Op. 63.

Cortot (Piano), Thibaud (Violin), and Casals (Cello).

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

7.00 Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Orchestral Selections.

8.14 Studio—The Toff Trio playing *Dumky Trio*, Op. 90 (Dvorak).

1st. Movement: Lento maestoso; 2nd. Movement: Andante; 3rd. Movement: Andante moderato; 4th. Movement: Allegro; 5th. Movement: Lento maestoso.

8.45 Studio—"Poets"—1: Spenser.

The first of a new series of talks by Father Ryan, S.J.

9.05 English Ballads.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 Magazine Feature Programme No. 3.

Recording of talks by a South African doctor with a balloon bar.

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The Soldiers' Chorus...

By Alan R. Dower

Black, white or yellow—the warriors of the nations have sung their way to battle through every age. Times and tunes have changed since the Roman legions marched to Verulamium to meet Caractacus with a song of triumph on their lips; but, even down to the present day, the hymn of battle has been encouraged in every army of the world.

It is not altogether a boast of national ego or regimental pride. Any soldier who has trudged the weary miles knows the value of a lusty song to aching limbs and jaded spirits.

The songs these soldiers sing have an infinite variety, for the music of a nation reflects the characteristics of its people.

Rider Haggard, in his novel, "Nada the Lily," gives us the chant of the Zulu imps in their tribal wars:

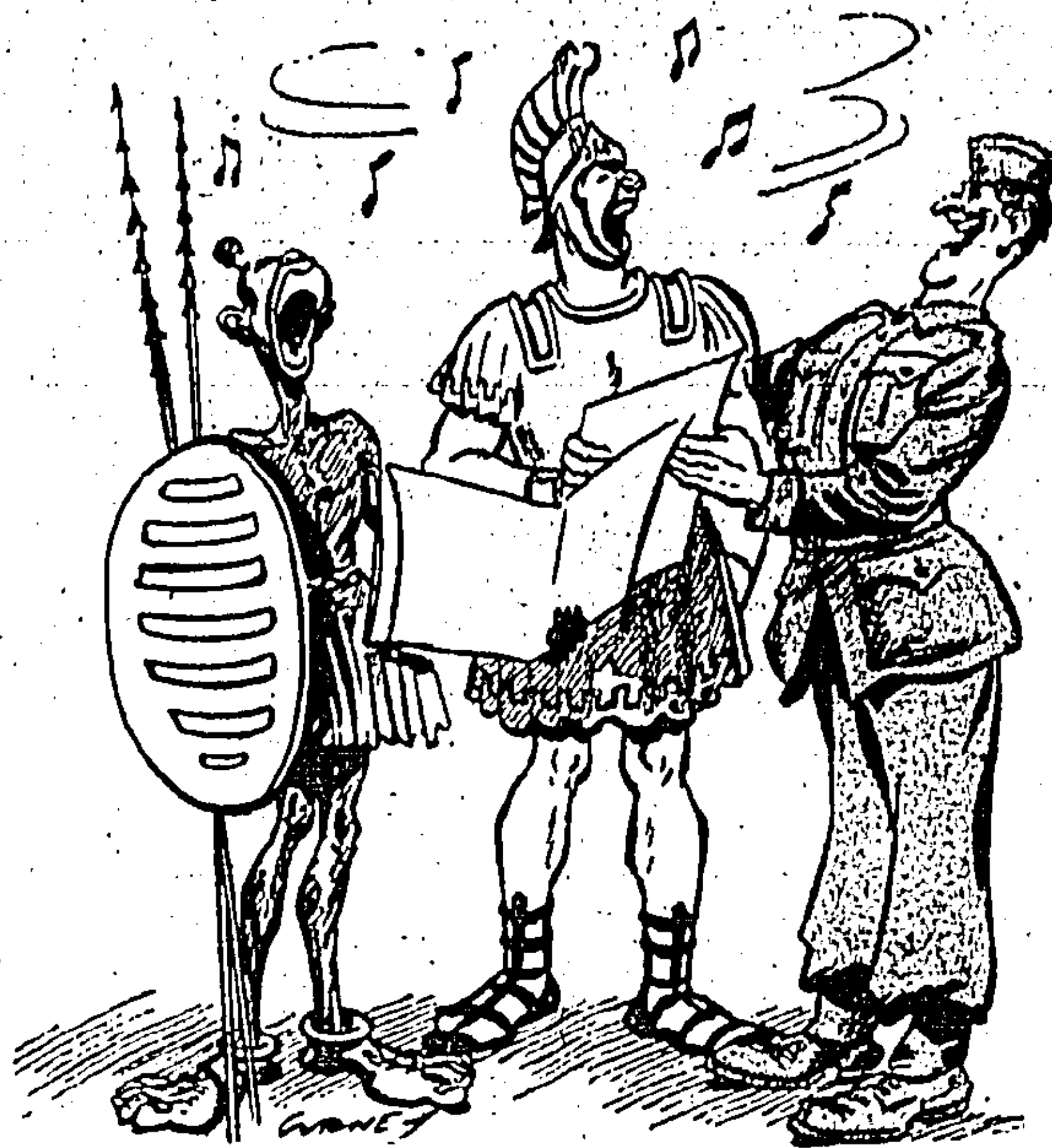
"We are the King's kins, bred to be butchered;
"And you are one of us.
"We are the Zulu children of the Lion.
"What! Did you tremble?"

I like to think of the British tars in the turrets of the cruiser Ajax, singing as they closed the action with the Graf Spee:

"For it was fests, and we were so gay,
"South of the Border, down Mexico way."

"Yes, a peaceful enough song to an orchestra of guns. But does it not suggest the cool sureness of Drake before the Armada and the doggedness of Grenville in the Revenge?

Roman legionnaires had their battle songs and so had the Zulus. Our own Tommies relish a lilting chorus, as do all soldiers.



Go down through history to the Crusades and you will find one of the most familiar stock tunes of the present day. Saracens heard the air of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" when the Crusaders went on their pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

Battle Songs Down the Ages

Throughout the dark days of 1914-18 the Royal Air Force sang its disdain of all earthly things:

"So raise your glasses steady,
"This world is a world of lies;
"Here's a health to the dead
"already,
"And Hurrah! for the next man
"that dies."

TO-DAY, as France throbs again to the tramp of marching feet, the Allied forces take up the breezy chorus of "Booms-a-Daisy," a popular refrain with the French as well as British troops.

Sometimes, too, they ask:—
"Who is this man who looks like
"Charlie Chaplin,
"What makes him think that he
"can win a war?"

"It can't be his moustache,
"Cause that just makes us
"laugh,
"And Charlie's done it better,
"and before!"

"Volla le boudin—There is the pudding!" chant the hard-bitten sons of the Foreign Legion as they come from the desert to join them. "A rifle's not a heavy load, legionnaire!"

"Whether the weather may be wet or fine,
"We'll just rub along without a care;

"We're gonna hang out our
"washing on the Siegfried Line
"If the Siegfried Line's still
"there!"

Such is the optimism of British youth when it forms its ranks for battle.

Not unlike it in sentiment was the Texan battle song during the 1821 way for the liberation of Texas from Mexico. Charging over the prairie of San Jacinto, in the full blast of a withering Mexican fire, the Texan frontiersman sang derisively:

"Will you come to the bower I
"have shaded for you?"

WHEN SEBASTOPOL was stormed and taken British troops at the Crimea rejoiced thereafter in a song that was typical of that die-hard period: "Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah! The deed of deeds is done; Ours is the glorious day, Sebastopol is won."

Forty years ago, Britons and Colonials marched into the Boer War with a carefree "Soldiers of the Queen," "Dolly Grey," and "There's Airl!"

"Oh, there's a lot of hair,
"You've enough to stuff a chair,
"You've got a tidy mop,
"Get a little bit off the top."

The outlook of the British Tommy has changed little down the centuries. Anthems are rare items in his repertoire. Nor will he have the fervor of the "Horst Wessel" song, "Deutschland Über Alles Auf Der Ganzen Welt," or the Italian Fascists' "Glovezza."

Better does he seek to voice his spirit in the rollicking "Mademoiselle From Armentières"—with ever-changing parody—or the immortal "Tipperary."

So far, this war has not produced the Ivor Novello or Jack Judge of the last great struggle, but Gracie Fields has already given "Wish Me Luck as You Wave Me Goodbye," the great popularity it deserves.

New melodies are many, but it takes a decided bit to displace some of the old time-honoured favourites. "Pack Up Your Troubles" and "Keep the Home Fires Burning" are always synonymous with periods of fortitude and courage, and "The Little Grey Home in the West" has never lost its appeal.

And what soldier has not swung along to "Take Me Back to Dear Old Blighty" at one time or another?

IN spite of a heavy influx of popular songs from the homeland, many British battalions still cling jealously to their regimental marches and country airs. Some of these have played their units around the world and back again.

The Loyal North Lancashire play "Red Rose" and the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry enjoy the rousing "March of The Cornishmen."

The Scots Guards swing along to "Cook o' the North," and the Grenadier Guards to the brave strains of "The British Grenadiers."

The same tune, with typical verse, is a favourite with the U.S.A. Marines.

"From the Halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli,
"We fight our country's battles on the land and on the sea;
"And if you ever have the luck to gaze on Heaven's scene,
"You will find the streets all guarded there by the U.S.A. Marines."

Sometimes, too, they march to the "Dixie" of the American Civil War, or "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town To-night."

And here is a fragment of the marching song of the U.S. 27th Infantry:

"Oh, the monkeys have no tails,
"They were bitten off by whales,
"Oh, the monkeys have no tails in Zambouanga."

Ridiculous, yes; but so it goes on the world over. The wild whoop of the Cherokee, the war march of the ancient priests.

What are, what tongues has not raised the song of battle for its warriors? One might even say that the story of this world could be written in the music of the brave.

Walter Winchell Talks

Here is a statement that has interested millions of American radio listeners. It is an answer to a friendly challenge by the London "Sunday Dispatch" to Mr. Walter Winchell, famous American commentator. The "Sunday Dispatch" asked Mr. Winchell: "How do you explain America's peace-time clamour, 'Stop the Dictators,' with her present attitude of isolationism and indignation over British censorship of United States mails?" Here is his answer made by radio.

IT IS true (says Walter Winchell) that America hates oppression, especially cowardly attacks on defenceless political minorities, but we have good reason to distrust Europe. We have learned that nations may be allies yet not have the same objectives.

NOT every hater of tyranny is a lover of democracy; not every foe of Hitler's is a friend of freedom.

TWENTY years ago we had faith. Now we have 11 billion dollars in war debts to remind us that Europe's commercial promises are not good, and China, Ethiopia, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Albania, Poland, and Finland to remind us that European military treaties are worth even less.

WE think Europe is morally bankrupt, and that it is a quaint European custom to cry about universal liberty in order to protect selfish national policies.

UNDER certain conditions, if necessary, we will fight to the death—but this time it will be only to defend our own country, our own Bill of Rights and our own institutions.

YES, it is true that we are 3,000 miles from the firing line, but the so-called civilised belligerents are only 500 miles from Finland.

WE do love democracy, but our answer to Europe is Europe's answer to the Czechs, the Austrians, the Albanians, the Poles, and the Finns.

And Here's The Reply

The invitation to Mr. Winchell and to other famous columnists was no criticism of America's attitude, but an honest inquiry. It was not an inquiry why America had not joined the Allies; it was, why America, once Britain was at war with Germany, had substituted for her demand that we should "stop the dictators" a clamour that we should not allow our war to interfere with America's business routine.

IT is true that nations may be allies yet not have the same objectives. Towards the end of the last war the United States gave its mighty aid to our cause. No Briton and no Frenchman will ever feel other than grateful for that intervention, but at the end of the war our objectives differed.

President Wilson inspired the League of Nations, with all its ambitions and all the difficulties which it entailed. America quickly repudiated the League, but the Allies stayed in.

ETHIOPIA.—It was because of the League that Great Britain antagonised her old ally Italy by joining in a programme of sanctions to end the war in Ethiopia.

Sanctions failed (and the League virtually died) because some countries were not applying sanctions. Among those countries, of course, was the United States.

CHINA.—It is hard to believe that Mr. Winchell is serious when he throws China in our faces. England is 10,000 miles sea journey from China.

America may be 3,000 miles away from Europe, but she was much nearer to this particular job of police work than was Britain. She has a huge fleet based on the Pacific and she had a big trade with Japan, which included much of the material which Japan needed to start what she refused to call war.

The United States did not see fit to combine with Great Britain in resisting this incursion. To be fair, it must be said that she has recently refused to renew her trade treaty with Japan.

ALBANIA had no guarantees from Britain or France. If Mr. Winchell wanted us to go to war with Italy about Albania, there is no reason why America should not have gone to war with Italy on the same issues.

AUSTRIA and CZECHOSLOVAKIA can be grouped. A democracy to wage war requires two things: (1) Conviction by every member of the democracy that war is justified, and (2) The arms for war.

For a long time Britain had neither. Hitler's absorption of Austria and his demand for the return of the Sudeten minorities still fitted in with the conception held by a great many people in this country that he sought only to reunite the German-speaking peoples.

It was only when he repudiated the Munich agreement that the whole of Britain was convinced that the safety of other nations was at stake. Even then we had not the necessary arms, and it is no comfort to the average Briton, in the time we have since taken to rearm ourselves, to be told that this is a "phony war."

WAR DEBTS.—We appreciate that the war debts sores still smart, but here again facts are the best salve. Let Mr. Winchell not forget that Britain, too, suffered in the war debt settlement. We could very easily have paid America the book debt if we had insisted on all that was owed by ally and enemy being paid. But Europe's economy would have been smashed, and well in among the ruins would have been America. The so-called repudiation had the heartiest approval of many American economists.

One might add without intentional bitterness that though America supported our cause and, unhappily, lost many of her sons, her greater sacrifice was financial.

The United States supported us financially while her men were training. We could not ask for a return of our dead.

POLAND.—After Hitler's repudiation of the Munich agreement, Poland was the next country menaced. Great Britain and France, at least, offered her an alliance, difficult though it was to implement, but the measure of our earnestness is that we are committed to a war which threatens to be the bloodiest in history.

FINLAND may well be the issue on which we finally part company with Mr. Winchell. Our consciences can rest easy on the statements of responsible Finnish Ministers—made even in the bitter hour of defeat—that the Allies gave all the help they could, despite the obvious geographical difficulties, and that, although Britain and France were themselves engaged in a major war, they sent money, men, munitions and supplies, and we had still more ready, waiting the word from the men who were conducting Finland's defence.

The United States, geographically immune from reprisal, talked of a loan to Finland, but the talks fizzled out. In the end they sent medical aid.

This is not said by way of reproach to the average American; it is a plea that our difficulties should be better understood by him.

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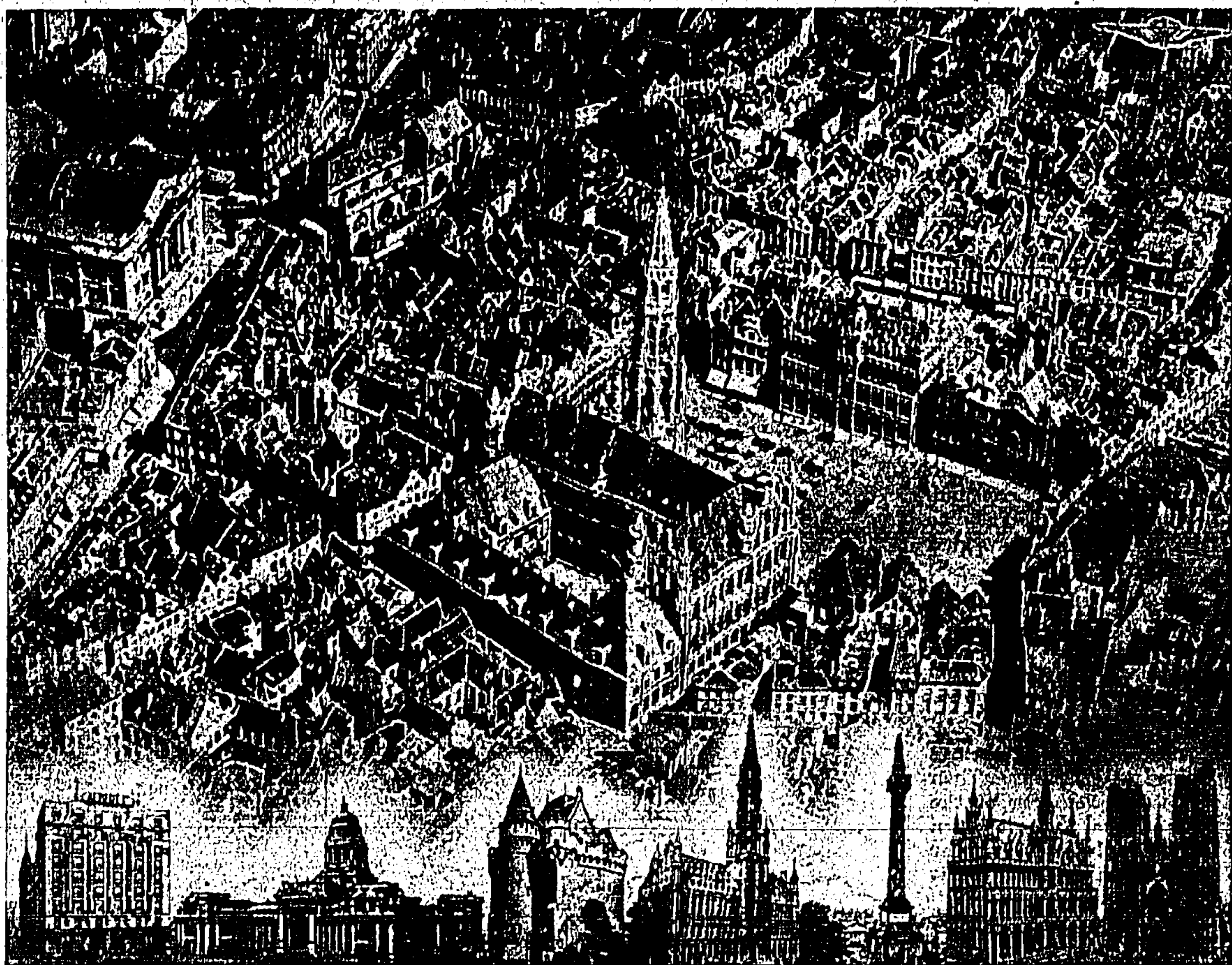
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BRUSSELS IN GERMAN HANDS



PANORAMA AND COMPOSITE photograph of Brussels, the Belgian capital which was evacuated by Allied forces during the week-end. The large photograph shows an aerial photograph of the capital, twice invaded in the last quarter of a century. Below, from left to right, are the Hotel Albert, the Palace of Justice, the Porte de Hal, the Hotel de Ville, the Colonne du Congrès, the Maison du Roi and St. Gudule's Cathedral.

Vatican Hostility To The Nazi Regime HITLER PLANS TO GET RID OF POPE

By Madam TABOUIS

CAP'N N.
(man after Cap'n
Kettle's hoart)
IS READY
to take a
sock at
'em

THAT fiery, red-bearded little skipper-of-fiction, Captain Kettle, would be proud to know seventy-year-old skipper-of-fact Captain J. Cooper Nisbet. They are of a similar up-and-at-'em temperament.

Captain Nisbet was shot through the thigh when his 2,500-ton ship *Gothic* was attacked by Nazi aircraft in the North Sea. He left his home at King's Lynn, Norfolk, and went to resume command of his vessel.

Fragments of steel are still lodged in his knee—reminders of how, in the first night air attack on English shipping, he refused to take cover, and steered his ship through a hail of bullets.

His second officer, W. S. Laxton, of Streatham, S.W., died from wounds.

When Captain Nisbet left hospital he said he had one wish to return to the sea and hit back at the Nazis.

He now awaits his sailing orders.

HITLER is so worried about the strength of anti-Axis influence in Italy that he is seriously considering a fantastic plan for forcing the Pope to seek refuge outside the country.

Ever since Ribbentrop's chilly reception at the Vatican, the Nazi leaders have realised that their regime can never find favour in the eyes of the present occupant of the Throne of St. Peter.

Hitler wants to drive Pope Pius XII out of Italy, and then try to have his election announced as invalid on the grounds that, as Cardinal Pacelli, he took part in international politics, and owes his election to the influence of anti-Fascist and non-Aryan cardinals hostile to the Axis.

The Führer is mad enough to believe that he could form a group of Pro-Nazi Cardinals and other Princes of the Church, which would be powerful enough to elect an Anti-Pope and proclaim a modification in the constitution of the Roman Catholic Church.

The new constitution would provide for the appointment in every country of "Higher Cardinals," whose task would be to adapt the "National Church" to the character of the people. The Pope would assume only the centre control of Church administration, without having any power to influence questions of doctrine or morals.

This fantastic project has been worked out by Himmler (the Gestapo Chief), Baldur von Schirach (the Hitler Youth Leader), and others, in order to counter the anti-Nazi forces in Italy which are capable of preventing that country from siding with the Reich.

Hitler was bitterly disappointed by the birthday telegram which he received from Mussolini. He had instructed Ribbentrop to suggest to Clano that he make this message of good wishes a sensational diplomatic document. It was to state the "joint struggle" of the two peoples against the "Western plutocracies."

Ribbentrop pointed out to Clano that a message in such terms would not fail to impress deeply the German and Italian peoples, and still more the Allies. Clano merely replied that he would inform the Duce of the suggestion.

The Führer awaited the telegram with great anxiety. On receiving it he showed violent anger followed by dumb consternation. It contained only wishes for "the victory of the German people."

Ribbentrop immediately drew up a reply, declaring that final victory was to be achieved by "Germany and Italy in common." Since then Mackensen, German Ambassador in Rome, has shown much insistence towards Clano that Mussolini had to ask Berlin for an explanation. There was even a "Mackensen-Clano incident," but it has been smoothed over.

The Führer was likewise furious at not receiving a telegram of birthday congratulations from Stalin. He was also displeased by a report which Schwartzel, Soviet Ambassador in Berlin, delivered to Ribbentrop from Moscow.

According to this the Soviet intends to remain "above the melee"; to safeguard its frontier; to reinforce its military strength, and to maintain good relations with "whoever is willing" without favouring anybody, and without allowing itself to be influenced by "anybody's verbosity."

Russia, moreover, is anxious to improve relations with her immediate neighbours, especially those situated south of her territory. She wants a rapprochement "at all costs" with Turkey.

On Friday, April 28, the Führer summoned his principal colleagues and the General Staff, and informed them that the invasion of Sweden was imminent. The Order of the Day in Scandinavia, he said, was "Vanguard or perish, rather than cede an inch of ground."

Supplies of iron ore must be assured at all cost in order to strike a great blow at the Allies before winter. This would be done with the aid of Italy and Russia, who would not hang back once the Reich had secured possession of the ore.

The General Staff again raised objections to the project of a general offensive. Hitler thereupon solemnly promised them not to create any new front, except in Sweden, until he is certain of effective aid from Italy.

HERE IS THE ARK ROYAL



Pictures Taken At Portsmouth

HAVING repeatedly sunk the Ark Royal, the Nazi propaganda service will no doubt be surprised to see these pictures of the famous aircraft-carrier, taken at Portsmouth.

She came home from her long voyage to take on stores, tidy herself up and give her crew a well-earned leave.



A group of stokers photographed on board the Ark Royal at Portsmouth. They, in common with the rest of the crew, thoroughly enjoy the joke of the supposed catastrophe.

Captain Power (right), of the Ark Royal, showing a group of new papermen the ship's scrapbook, which contains cartoons and newspaper comments on the alleged destruction of the aircraft-carrier. The group is looking at the magazine drawing of the sinking (above), published in the *Neubacher*.



ADMIRALTY TO REWARD WOMAN

MRS. MARY THOMPSON, of Wiltshire, near Bridlington, is to be paid a reward by the Admiralty for the discovery of a Nazi torpedo on the beach at Bridlington. The amount of the award is not disclosed.

An official at the Admiralty told a reporter that the torpedo was an ordinary model slightly altered for use by an aircraft.

"It is no different from any other torpedo," he said, "and there is nothing particularly sinister about it at all."

The torpedo is about 12ft. long. On it is painted a portrait of Mr. Chamberlain with his umbrella. It was probably dropped by a Heinkel.

Mrs. Thompson said she found the torpedo a mile south of the village of Wiltshire, where she lives.

"I had an idea what the thing was as soon as I saw it," she said. "It really looked beautiful as it glittered in the sun."

"I went straight away and told my husband, who is a special constable,

and when he came back the torpedo was secured by a rope."

The theory that the Germans are using a new type of delayed action torpedo was advanced by a Danish military expert last October.

It has also been reported that the Germans are using a new type of armour-piercing torpedo.

RADIO SPIES JAILED

A 38-YEAR-OLD German Journalist, N. Dreyer, head of the West German Press Service of Essen, and a 41-year-old Dutch clerk were sentenced to Amsterdam to six years imprisonment each for espionage. They were accused of operating a secret radio set and sending reports from Rotterdam to Germany.

EVANS AIDS HAAKON

ADMIRAL Sir Edward Evans—A Evans of the Broke—is at King Haakon's headquarters in Norway.

The two are great personal friends. Sir Edward Evans was appointed naval attaché in Scandinavia just after Norway was invaded. King Haakon was delighted.

Now, at his secret headquarters, he is helping to encourage his country, aided by his oldest English friend.

Norwegian Bride

King Haakon first met Evans after the sailor, then a commander, had returned from his Antarctic expedition with Scott in 1913.

Sir Edward Evans has seen much service in Scandinavian waters and speaks Norwegian fluently.

In 1919, before he made his name world famous by defeating six German destroyers while in command of H.M.S. Broke, he again visited Norway.

There, at a dance in Oslo, he was introduced to the beautiful Elsa Andvord, known throughout Norway as "the Belle of Christiania." It was "love at first sight."

They were married in London. King Haakon was very happy that his friend chose a Norwegian bride.

Tommy Farr Not To Drive For 6 Months

Gloucester magistrates recently banned Tommy Farr, the heavy-weight boxer, from driving for six months. They found him guilty of dangerous driving fined him £10, and ordered him to pay £1 lbs. costs.

Farr, whose address was given as Stratton-street, Mayfair, W, pleaded not guilty.

It was stated that on January 14, Farr, driving from London to Tottenham, in foggy weather, tried to overtake a lorry on the main Cheltenham-Gloucester road, and collided with a small sports car.

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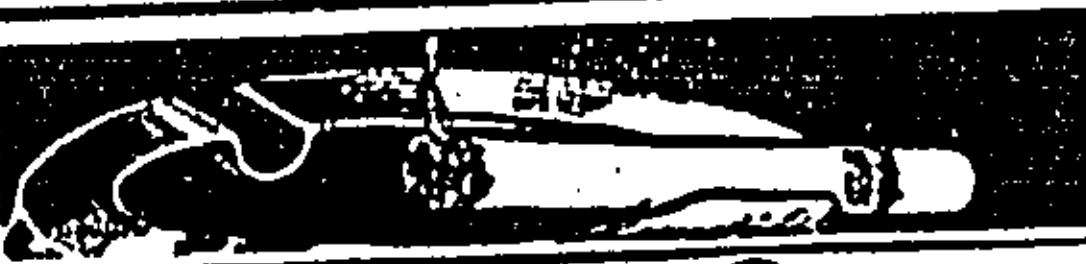


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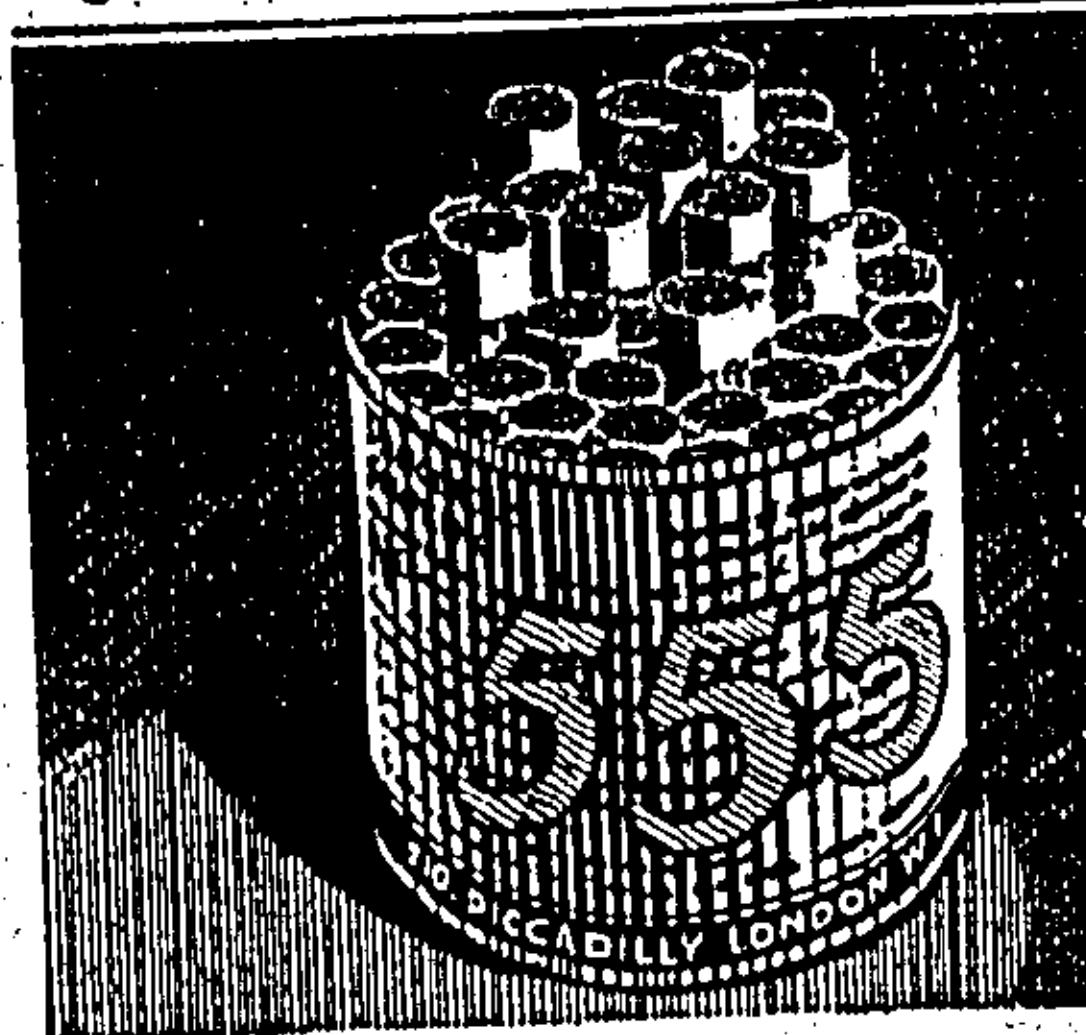
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The Choice Of Ruin

When the history of Herr Hitler is written it will record that no other ruler refused so many opportunities to avert ruin. The diplomacy over each conquest has revolted the rest of the world. There was doubtless never any weakening in the Fuehrer's purpose to hold fast every inch and every creature that his aggression has stolen. But to meet the uneasiness of Germany it was necessary to find an excuse in the responsibility of the Allies. Calculations have been confounded by their determination to redeem Europe from the fear of Nazi brigandage. It remained to represent this for German consumption—the fare is elsewhere—indeed—as sabotage of peace. Never can the honour of the Reich, we are told, permit the surrender of any of the plunder of Poland, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Scandinavia and the Lowlands.

The honour of the flag of the Swastika is indeed dyed dark with the blood of innocent victims of massacres for which there can be no atonement. It is the singular distinction of Hitlerism to combine with brutality the most fatuous hypocrisy. There have been many examples, but even the living voice of the Fuehrer can hardly surpass the unofficial whine from Berlin regarding the sacrifices which Germany has made. The self-sacrifice of the murderous burglar is a new conception in ethics. Mankind knows only too well that Germany is doing her best, as Berlin proclaims, to create a "new order." The nature of that new order has revolted the conscience of civilisation and leagued the great alliance of freedom against Hitlerism. Even in the inmost circles of that faith they should by now be tried of threatening dire attacks on Britain. No one ever doubted the desire of the Fuehrer and his cabal to wreak their hatred on all who oppose them. They will assuredly do the world as much damage as they can before they are overthrown.

Boer War Rifles Found In Chapel

Eight rifles of a type used in the Boer War were found in the fireplace of a room at the Dalston Methodist Mission Chapel, Mayfield-road, Dalston, E. The fireplace had not been used for many years, said Mr. E. Watson, who was in the room when the discovery was made. "It was boarded up, and when the boards were removed the rifles were found standing on their butts at the back of the chimney." It is known as a "long" rifle. The room is known as the "land room," and has been used for many years by the mission band for practice.

Hitler is following the Schlieffen Plan

By A Special Military Correspondent

HITLER'S THRUST through France is developing in two directions. It follows the famous Schlieffen Plan of 1914, an enveloping sweep on the right flank.

(1) The German airmen dropped parachute troops on and around the air bases in the North-west of Holland, trying to seize them all, as they did in the Norwegian campaign.

(2) The German army advanced westward into South Holland, between the Dutch "waterline" and the Belgian floodable area of La Campine.

Their objective was the North Sea, and they reached it near the island of Walcheren. Then the strategic conception of the German thrust was to turn southwards, always holding the North Sea on the flank of the advancing armies.

By this manoeuvre the Germans hope to secure sea bases only 120 miles from Harwich, and also to turn the flank of the Belgian defences.

IN 1914 the German commander-in-chief Von Moltke, pursuing the same plan, lost his nerve and refused to take in Holland in his sweep to the West. German strategists have always declared that error cost Germany the last war.

Hitler accepts this criticism, and he is resolved to secure his right flank on the North Sea.

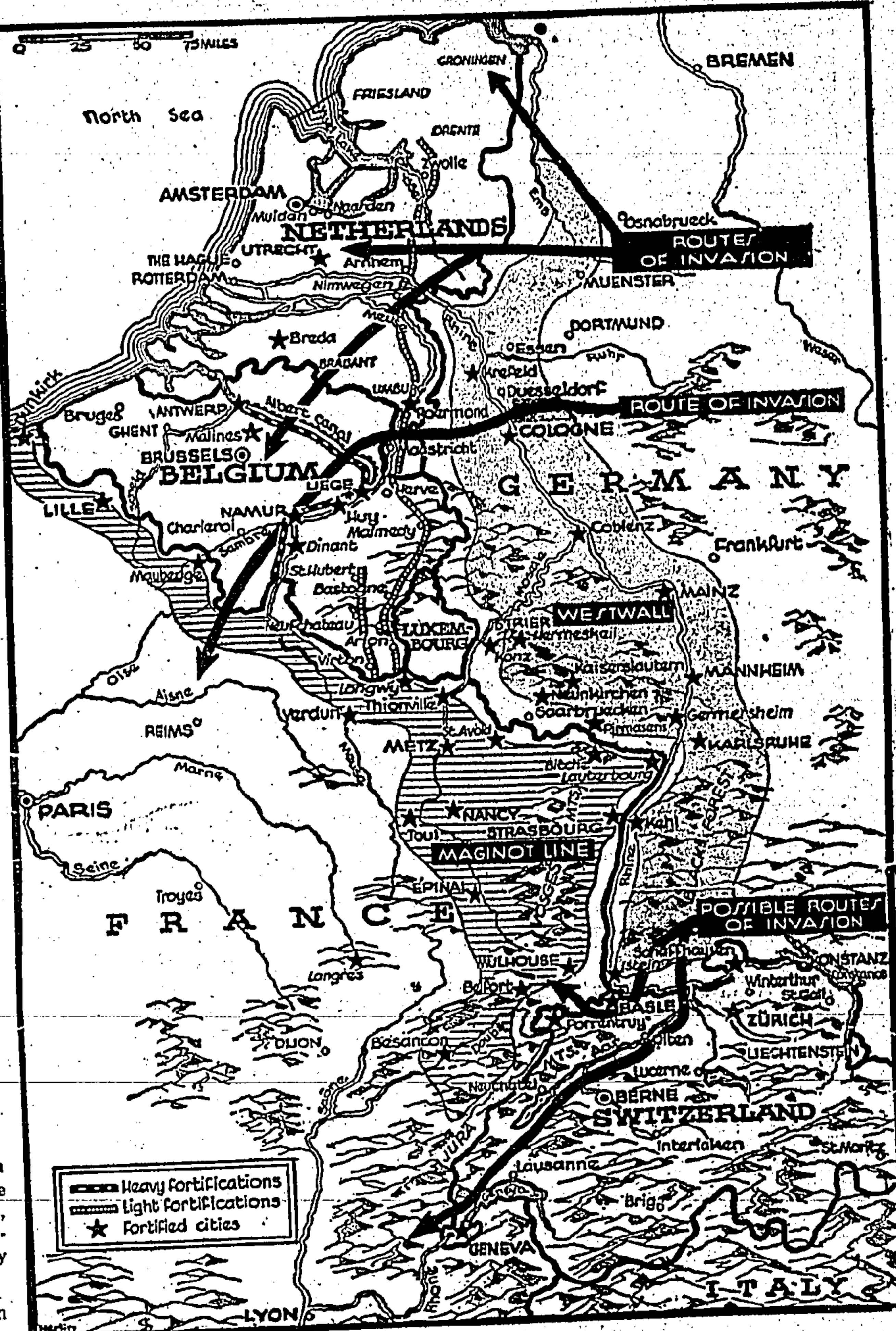
The Dutch had 700,000 men mobilised. These troops were equipped with machine-guns, anti-tank, and light field artillery. They lacked heavy guns.

The Dutch always planned, in the event of German invasion, to retire beyond the "water line," which was flooded at 4 a.m. on the morning of the invasion, in old Holland, letting the German thrust continue towards Belgium.

They then intended, sustained by the British Navy from the coast, to harry the Germans from the flank. But the Nazi attack was like nothing the world has known before, and Holland crumbled in four days after terrible losses.

THE Belgian defences were threefold.

(a) The Albert Canal linking the Scheldt Estuary and the River Meuse; the fortress that the German thrust through area of Liege; and a pill-box South Holland would separate



system running south through the Belgian and Dutch forces. the Ardennes forest to the far end of Luxemburg.

(b) Concrete fortifications running south from Antwerp to the Meuse, and then behind that river to the French frontier.

(c) Trenches running west from Antwerp to Ostend.

The Belgians have nearly one million men under arms. They are well trained and well equipped, but without heavy tanks. In fact, the Belgian army is a defensive force.

We had to expect, therefore, that the German thrust through the area of Liege; and a pill-box South Holland would separate

The Dutch larder

THE conquest of Holland will have two important effects on the warring nations. 1. It will deprive Britain of a small but important source of food. 2. It will add to Hitler's difficulties in feeding not only his own people but those in the conquered countries.

Holland is a country of 8,010,000 acres, of which about 6,000,000 acres are producing some kind of food. It has been a valuable corner of Britain's larder.

In peace-time it was not so important as Denmark, but during the last six months Holland has sent more and more food ships to Britain. They carried bacon, butter, cheese, eggs, condensed milk, and all sorts of vegetables and fruits. Their cargoes were worth about £13,000,000 a year.

HOLLAND, in peace-time, was our fourth largest source of bacon,

we paid her about £2,500,000 a year for it. She was our fourth largest supplier of cheese, and she came next to Denmark as a supplier of eggs. Every year we bought about 720,000 eggs from the Dutch and paid £2,000,000 for them.

Holland was our biggest supplier of condensed milk and her exports of dairy produce to Britain were worth more than £3,000,000, a figure surpassed only by Australia, New Zealand and Denmark.

She sent us £2,000,000 worth of tinned food. But, like Denmark, Dutch agricultural production depends on the flow of fertilisers and feeding stuffs from abroad. Every year Holland needs 750,000 tons of tinned food, and special fodder for her cattle, maize for her pigs, wheat for her chickens. Britain can stop those supplies, and Dutch food production will doubtless turn to a point where Holland will not be able to feed her own people.

The Belgians then retired towards the French frontier, where they have now joined the Allied forces.

MUCH depended on the speed and strength with which the Allied armies were able to advance north-east through Belgium, seeking to forestall the German thrust at the entrenchment, running west from Antwerp to Ostend.

But the Nazi mechanised machine was too swift and in a week we saw the Germans coming first through Belgium and over the fortifications in France behind the Belgian frontier, which the Allies have spent the last eight months constructing.

MEANWHILE the British and French air forces are already in action. It is unbelievable that the Germans will be allowed to make use of the majority of the Dutch and Belgian airfields, captured, as in Norway, by German Fifth Columnists.

So we see the German advance harried and bombed by Allied air forces, while we look for adequate air protection against hostile air attack on our troops hurrying into their few days, even a few hours, whether he means to invade Switzerland.

What booty will Hitler obtain in Holland and Belgium? He may have succeeded in grabbing the large store of Dutch gold, as well as foreign securities to the value of several millions of pounds.

This treasure was stored in the cities of Amsterdam, Rotterdam and The Hague, so they are all on the west-side of the Dutch water line. It is probable the Dutch removed them to Britain.

Hitler was known to have a fleet of flat-bottomed boats ready which could be paddled across the flooded

Dutch fields. He used these boats in an attempt to get at the gold before the Dutch got it away.

As for the vast Dutch possessions in the West Indies, they are secure against hostile action. For the U.S. fleet is on manoeuvres in that vicinity.

THE Belgians are not so wealthy as the Dutch. But the Belgians had arranged, remembering the lessons learned in 1914 when the Germans captured valuable material in Brussels, that all their movable assets in the form of gold and securities should be carried into France as soon as the Germans crossed the frontier.

No doubt these plans are already effected.

If Hitler is checked in his tumultuous outburst to the West, if he can be held even much nearer to Paris, and if severe losses can be inflicted on him, it is likely that the battle now being waged will be as decisive as the Battle of the Marne.

ONE word in conclusion. The German bombing of Lyons indicates that Hitler may be launching an attack on the whole front, from the North to the Alps. We shall see in a few days, even a few hours, whether he means to invade Switzerland.

A thrust may be made from near the shore of Lake Constance along the river valley of the Aar, and behind the screen of the Jura mountains.

Such a thrust would be aimed over the pass to Portarieu, and south through the Jura mountains, as well as through the Rhone Valley towards Lyons.

In such a situation Italy might also be tempted to move. The French General Staff are bearing all these considerations in mind, and are of flat-bottomed boats ready which could be paddled across the flooded

MOTORISTS CHARGED

Careless Driving Leads To Court Fine

Leo Schneider of Waterloo Road was yesterday fined \$10 by Mr. Q. A. A. Macdonald at Kowloon Magistrate's Court for driving a car in Canton Road in a manner dangerous to the public.

Chief Inspector W. R. Chester-Woods said that at 9.50 p.m. on April 20 he was driving his car down Canton Road towards the Star Ferry, when he saw a car coming from the opposite direction with a signal out preparatory to turning to the right. At the same time he saw a small car coming out from Peking Road, making a right hand turn. No signal or warning was given by the driver of the car and no horn was sounded.

Mr. Chester-Woods said that as he saw this car making no attempt to pull out he himself had to sharply. The other car on the opposite side of the road also stopped. The small car then completed the crossing.

Schneider said he was driving down Peking Road and intended to turn to the right at the corner. When he came to this corner he saw a car coming from the Star Ferry through Canton Road on the wrong side of the road. He gave a signal to draw the attention of the driver and the man in turn gave him signs to proceed. He looked through the arches in Canton Road and did not see a car coming from the other direction.

Schneider said that if he had not turned the corner there was a possibility that the car which was on the wrong side of the road would have smashed into his. He had sounded his horn and had given an electric arm signal.

To Mr. Chester-Woods, Schneider said the other car was not in the middle, but on the right side of the road.

Mr. MacFadyen said he was satisfied that even if the car from the Star Ferry was in the wrong, which had not been proved to his satisfaction, defendant's actions in approaching the corner were also careless. A careful driver, fearing collision, would have been in a position to stop before the corner. Mr. MacFadyen said he was also satisfied that defendant was paying insufficient attention to possible traffic from the right, which traffic he endangered by proceeding on across the crossing.

Our Merchant Navy's Spirit

Higher Than Ever Says Minister

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The spirit of the Merchant Navy has never been better, said Mr. Roland Cross, the Minister of Shipping, at the annual congress of the National Union of Seamen to-day.

Telegrams were sent pledging their loyal support to the Prime Minister and Labour members of the Government.

At the beginning of the war, said Mr. Cross, the Merchant Navy was subjected to violent and ruthless attacks by the enemy.

Square Deal, Promise

In spite of this there has never been any difficulty about getting ships to sail.

They could not have a healthy industry with proper conditions nor pay for the men.

He would endeavour to see that the Merchant Navy, as a whole, got a square deal.

DRIVE ON CHANNEL

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stingulated part in the victorious advance.

Other Claims

The communiqué also claims that the Germans destroyed a French tanker, Niger, a French merchant ship, Paven, and two other French merchantmen were seriously damaged during reconnaissance flights over the French coast.

It adds that on May 20 six transports and tankers aggregating 43,000 tons were sunk in the Straits of Dover.

Four more ships were seriously damaged.

The communiqué declares that the total enemy air losses yesterday were 47 planes while 15 German aircraft are missing.

Terrible Nazi Losses

PARIS, May 21 (Reuter).—The French military spokesman who a day or two ago said that the allies were three to one in our favour, said to-day that he would have to revise this estimate.

The German losses, he said, have been even more considerable than at first thought.

Two Battles Raging

PARIS, May 21 (Reuter).—Declaring that Generalissimo Weygand is now on the battlefield and taking all necessary decisions, the official military spokesman said that the outcome must be awaited, and it can be awaited with confidence despite the exceptional note of gravity in the situation.

He added that the battle was now joined between the British and German forces, while another battle is still raging at Cambrai where, despite the enemy's continued attacks to-day, Allied troops resisted magnificently.

Light Elements Break Through

German elements which succeeded in filtering through the bottom of the "pocket" are only light elements.

Amiens and Arras are occupied by only a few thousand men and not by an army.

On the remainder of the front the French are installed in positions chosen by the High Command.

A few enemy attacks west of Reims and on Reims met with no success.

Position Graver

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—French official circles in London stated to-night that the position on the Western Front was "in a way still graver than it was yesterday."

The official added that the German claims of having occupied Arras and Amiens referred to motorised units only.

"But there will be a French reply and we must wait for this," he declared.

"The men are receiving training and equipment locally."

Natives To Stay At Their Posts

Statement In House Of Commons

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Mr. Anthony Eden was asked in the House of Commons to-day whether the Government would consider supplementing British man-power by recruiting coloured fighting men from the Colonies and Protectorates.

He was also asked how far these men could be equipped and trained in each Colony before being sent to France.

"The voluntary enlistment of men in the Colonies and Protectorates," said Mr. Eden, "has been proceeding. It is expected the majority will, for the present, be required for military duties in their own territories."

"Thus they will discharge an important function which would otherwise have to be performed by British troops."

"The men are receiving training and equipment locally."

LATEST BRITISH CASUALTY LIST

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—A total of 724 names—60 officers and 664 other ranks—appear in War Office Casualty List No. 4.

The largest number under the various classifications appear under the heading, "Died," namely 41 officers and 525 men.

The list includes five women who died on service.

TREACHERY BILL TO BE PASSED

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister in the House of Commons said the Treachery Bill will pass all stages to-morrow.

Viscount Caldecote in the House of Lords stated that it will pass all stages there on May 23.

ANTI-SABOTEURS GO ON DUTY

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The Chatham division of the local defence organisation, which have been formed in Britain to deal with parachute and other saboteurs, went on active duty last night after being inspected by General Brownrigg, their commander.

The Channel Islands, Jersey, has decided to set up a similar organisation.

GIBRALTAR EVACUATION

Women & Children For French Morocco

GIBRALTAR, May 21 (Reuter).—Women and children are being evacuated from Gibraltar.

The first batches are leaving to-day and to-morrow for French Morocco.

It is officially announced that the Governor has received instructions from the War Cabinet to the effect that owing to the international situation, the evacuation of women and children from Gibraltar would be compulsory forthwith at the Government's discretion.

A separate announcement states that there is no need for anxiety regarding the intentions of Spain, which has reiterated her strict neutrality.

Duke Of Gloucester On "Urgent Duty"

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Major-General the Duke of Gloucester arrived in London on Tuesday night from France on urgent duty. He visited the War Office early this morning.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands also arrived from France on Tuesday evening.

Mine-Layer Sunk: 33 Missing

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that the mine-layer, Princess Victoria (Captain J. B. E. Hall) was sunk by an enemy mine.

The Commanding Officer, two officers and 31 ratings are missing, and it is feared that they have lost their lives.

League Tennis

Craigengower Easily Beat Kowloon

Following were the results of matches in the B. division of the tennis league, yesterday.

Craigengower beat Kowloon 5-1.

J. W. Leonard and W. Lee beat N. A. E. Mackay and R. Broadbridge 6-0.

best 7-3; Capell and A. White 6-0; best D. Huang and R. Leo 6-0.

G. Lai and H. N. Wong beat Mackay and Broadbridge 6-0; best Capell and White 6-3; best Huang and Leo 6-3.

W. J. Howard and A. Kitchell beat Mackay and Broadbridge 6-4; best Capell and White 6-7; best Huang and Leo 6-3.

RECREIO V. ARMY

Recreio beat Army 5-4.

M. Rodrigues and A. Barretto beat Smith and Hyde 1-5; best Newman and Loch 6-3; best Webb and Megson 6-2.

Mr. A. Almeida and Mr. A. Reed beat Smith and Hyde 4-6; best Newman and Loch 3-6; best Webb and Megson 6-3.

T. Gonano and A. E. Xavier beat Smith and Hyde 3-6; best Newman and Loch 4-6; best Webb and Megson 6-4.

MINIATURE FOOTBALL

Inter-Departmental League Final

THE FINAL MATCH to decide the champions of the inter-departmental Miniature Football League, run by the War Department Chinese Staff Recreation Club, will be played off between teams representing the D.C.R.E. and R.A.O.C. "C" on the P.V.D. Recreation ground, Causeway Bay, to-day, at 4 p.m. sharp.

Players to represent D.C.R.E. are: Yau, Pui-sum, Ip, Yau, Chan Kai-lai, Chang Oie-chung, Ip So, Lam Tak-po, Ip Pak-wah, Wong Tak-cheung, Wong Tai and Li Cheung.

While those for R.A.O.C. "C" are: Yau Tak-chung, Wong Chun-took, Leung Ping-sum, Ho Ping-kee, Leung Ching-wah, Chu Wing-keen, Chong Kam-chuen, Cheung Koon-sang, Lam Kee and Li Kong-lai.

Several players of the D.C.R.E. are in either the South China senior or junior teams, while among those playing for the R.A.O.C. "C" team are representatives of the Interport Hongkong Miniature Football Association team. A keen struggle is anticipated.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

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as a tonic to the nation. I find wherever I go a calm spirit of inflexible determination.

A Different Commons

"The House of Commons this afternoon was a very different assembly from what it was before."

Something so much greater importance had taken their place.

There was only one sentiment in the mind of all a united Commons, united as perhaps it had never been for the danger is so great and so close.

Mr. Duff Cooper concluded by saying: "We have behind the line must play our part as worthily as those who are keeping watch to-night in the front line, or those who may spring to the attack at dawn to-morrow."

"Let them feel and know that behind their steady lines there exists the vast reserve of a calm and faithfully united people."

FIGHTING AT NARVIK

Lost British Detachment Reaches Sweden

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—An official Norwegian communiqué states that co-operation is in progress in the region between Narvik and Trondheim.

Sixty British soldiers, who had been cut off from a detachment near Littlehammar and ran out of ammunition, have arrived in Sweden after having marched through 150 miles, sometimes deep in snow. The journey took three weeks.

Y. MEN'S MEETING

Miss Lai Po-kan, former lecturer in English at the Hongkong University, will speak on "My Impressions of Oxford" at the Y. Men's Club at the St. Francis Hotel to-morrow.

Determined Nation

Eager Response To Mr. Morrison's Call

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The call of Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Supply, to the nation to put its last ounce of strength into the production of arms and the nation's response has formed the theme of many editorials to-day in the British press.

To the past few days, says the "News Chronicle," there has been an upward surge of determination.

Everyone feels that the new government is getting right down to the job of fighting the war with the last ounce of strength.

Will To Win

The will to win is striking. Workers believe that they will get a fair deal. There has never been such solidarity as in Britain to-day.

The Labour "Daily Herald" says that the Cabinet will hear the views of its Labour members and the Labour M.P.s must interpret this to the nation.

The "Daily Mail" calls for a 24 hour day for war industries. One shift system in armament factories must be abolished.

The vested interests of capital or labour must not be allowed to hamper the war effort in the rapidly approaching situation in which the whole life of the country may have to be conserved.

The "Manchester Guardian" says the most serious inadequacy has been the mobilisation of man power.

Mr. Bevin, the new Labour Minister, can do much to secure the co-operation of the Unions and to hasten the co-ordination of all branches of national service.

INCREDIBLE MISTAKES

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"The infiltration of the Meuse is easy for mobile troops."

Army's Disorganisation

The Premier spoke of "disorganisation" of the Army under General Corap.

When he mentioned the name of Marshal Petain, however, the General called out "at last," they rose from their seats and applauded the victor of Verdun.

Continuing, M. Reynaud said that having made a breach, the enemy's motorised divisions went through. The German advance, he said, had continued and since this morning Arras and Amiens had been occupied.

Our traditional conception of how war was waged had been thrown down for a new one—motorised raids in depth and paralytic.

He then reminded the House of 1918 and said, "We ended by firing the upper hand after our first reverses. Every man was a hero."

Woman must understand the great news of the hour in which we are living. May certain people not understand it too late.

"Two men who had the right to rest on their laurels have placed themselves at the service of the country—General Weygand and Marshal Petain."

Weygand and I there is an absolute understanding.

"No weakness is to be tolerated. There must be no more dilatory procedure with regard to traitors, saboteurs and cowards."

"I have told you the truth. Let us have confidence in our great leader and in our soldiers. Our aviators are covering themselves with glory. I think I speak for all the Senators stood up and cheered loudly."

"They Cannot Die"

"These two great people," he continued, "and these two great Empires cannot be beaten. They cannot die."

After his reference to the loss of Arras and Amiens, M. Reynaud asked, "How have we got to this point? Is the moral value of our Army in doubt? Not at all."

The fighting which occurred in Belgium during the first days proved it.

"The truth is our classic conception of the conduct of war has come up against a new conception."

"That conception includes not only the massive use of heavy armoured divisions or co-operation between them and aeroplanes but also the creation of disorder by parachutists."

Immediate Decision

"I won't speak of false news and telephoned orders to civil authorities with the object, for example, of causing hurried evacuations."

"We must think of a new type of warfare and take an immediate decision."

"This surprise is not the first we have suffered and overcome in our history and ended as the masters of the situation."

"It will be the same to-day if we all will it—if every soldier understands the immense role he plays, if each workman now working 12 hours a day bends over the machinery with more intense energy. They are beginning to understand abroad that it is a question of them."

"May they not understand too late."

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The Minister of Health is arranging a reciprocal pool of civilian nursing services so that they can be sent to any part of the country where the need arises.

CHINESE RED CROSS

Bishop Y. Y. Tsu Relates Personal Experiences

An address on his experiences with Red Cross units in China was given by Bishop Y. Y. Tsu, newly consecrated Assistant Bishop of Hongkong, at the Chinese Merchants' Club yesterday, before friends and supporters of relief work in China.

The talk was given under the auspices of the Hongkong International Medical Relief Society.

Hon. Sir Henry Pollock took the chair.

Bishop Tsu said before the China war he was teaching in St. John's University, but by the summer of 1930 he was in Hankow, the then war-time capital. When Canton was occupied, the capital fell back to Chungking. After the great fire he visited one of the so-called hospitals which took care of about 2,000 soldiers of Confucius, and there were no beds or equipment.

This hospital was under the care of the Chinese Inland Mission, where German doctors and nurses did everything they could for the soldiers. A large number of the soldiers were operated on. One of the patients was a 21-year-old Shantung soldier who walked into the operating room with his left hand blasted in action about two weeks before.

Three fingers were amputated. When he saw him the following day, a soldier next to him, said he could not eat. This was due to lock-jaw, because his body was poisoned during his 14 days' walk from the front line to the hospital. The soldier died of starvation.

Response To Appeal

Bishop Tsu said the soldiers had to walk for days from the battlefields to the rear for medical treatment. Medical provisions were inadequate but when he wrote to friends in Shanghai for support they responded magnificently. Madame Chiang Kai-shek helped the movement by giving an amount equivalent to the sum donated.

Many organisations stepped forward to help the Government by supplying medical provisions and civilians joined units in the field. There was a body of 600 college students and teachers at the front and hospitals doing comfort service and distributing food.

Bishop Tsu said he saw many Y.W.C.A. women engaged in laundry work, washing unclean garments from the hospitals. When the campaign of Friends of the Wounded started it was thought that several thousands of dollars would be raised, but at the close of the campaign a sum of over a million and a half was realised.

Concluding, he paid testimony to the achievements of the Chinese Red Cross Society, as when the Government was hard pressed, they came forward to take the largest share of the work. He mentioned that help from overseas Chinese was great.

Sir Henry said he was struck by two points in the eloquent address, the fighting spirit of sons of farmers doing their utmost to defend their country, and the part the women had done in the defence of their country in nursing and caring for the wounded.

Unbreakable Alliance

"New York Times" On Britain & France

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The "New York Times," in an editorial, says: "Germany is trying to divide France from Britain physically as German diplomacy has previously sought to separate the two Allies spiritually."

"Of one thing we may be certain: the alliance between France and Britain is unbreakable. Both people have a stubborn loyalty, both have a courage which is never more magnificently displayed than in the hour of great trial, both are clear-eyed enough to see that they would be next inevitable victims of the German fury if either of them could be isolated and then defeated through the ability of the German Army to throw its full strength in one direction or other."

Too Solid To Be Broken

"In a union too solid to be broken either by terror of total war or the offer of a treacherous peace, the two nations battle for democracy and freedom."

The "Gothenburg Göteborgsposten" says: "The situation changes to the Allies' advantage in the same degree that the German armoured divisions spread. Then it is not before, the Allies' chance comes."

Weygand certainly knows when to grasp the chance.

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—General Maxime Weygand, with the all-embracing title of Commander-in-Chief of All Allied Armies in the Theatres of War, has superseded General Gamelin, whose previous post has been suppressed.

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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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10—Solemn animal
11—Pondered carefully
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15—Secure dishonestly
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19—Hoarder of money
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Killed Father, Mother, Brother-and Himself HE WAS THE BOY WHO NEVER GAVE A SMILE

"I DO not think I ever saw him smile," the family doctor said at the Reigate inquest on a sixteen-year-old boy who killed his father, mother and brother with an axe, then shot himself.

The jury recorded a verdict that Kenneth Wadkin, of Nutfield-road, Redhill, Surrey, took his own life after murdering the other three while the balance of his mind was disturbed.

Kenneth started work on March 26 on a month's probation with a view to apprenticeship as an engineer. He did well and liked the work, it was stated.

Dr. C. H. Laver said: "Kenneth used to walk with his arms to his side and never swung them. I do not think I ever saw him smile. He was clever; he was unsociable.

"His mother was a cheerful, bright and happy woman and a good mother. She complained that he found his work monotonous and below his mental capacities."

He sent Kenneth to a Harley-street specialist in December. The specialist reported that Kenneth considered he was mixing with what he described as "common boys."

The specialist recommended psychotherapeutic treatment.



Naval Chaplain Wants To Stop—

DEATH WIRES TO NEXT-OF-KIN

WIVES and other next-of-kin of naval men are informed by telegram if any disaster has befallen their menfolk on active service.

This method, says a Navy chaplain, is "unduly curt, extremely callous and always acutely distressing."

He has written to Mr. Winston Churchill about it, and has suggested a different method of conveying such news.

The chaplain is the Rev. Ralph E. Allport, a Methodist, of Weymouth.

"I have no doubt," he wrote, "that the system of notifying the bereaved by telegram—regardless of the hour and the state of the health of the recipient—is the least troublesome to the authorities concerned."

"There is a widespread feeling among ordinary people, however, that the method is at all times unduly curt, and, on occasions, extremely callous in operation."

"News of this kind, always acutely distressing, might well be more fittingly conveyed."

"I suggested to Mr. Churchill," he told a reporter, "that heads of the departments responsible should avail themselves of the services of leading newspapermen now belonging to voluntary war-time organisations, whose tact and experience fit them admirably for the task of breaking the news."

Admiralty Silent

"Formal notification through the post might follow."

No comment on the letter was available at the Admiralty.

Mr. Allport's letter was inspired by the experience of Mrs. Dorothy Miller, whose husband, Yeoman of signals George Miller, was lost in the sinking of the destroyer Exmouth.

"Mrs. Miller," he said, "was expecting her husband home on leave."

"She heard a knock on the door just before midnight on Monday, and thought he had arrived."

"Instead, this poor woman was dragged from her bed to accept a telegram saying that her husband was missing and believed drowned."

The Shadow Of Death

THE pilot's head and the nose of his Blenheim bomber overshadow the sea as he comes down in a steep dive to bomb a Nazi

patrol vessel in the Helligoland Bight. His opponent has seen him and has sent up a rocket challenge before opening fire.



Four Worms Turned

FOUR Worms of South Bend, Indiana, U.S.A., have filed a petition with the courts seeking to turn—their names.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley W. Worm and Mr. and Mrs. Everett A. Worm asked for permission to call themselves Warren, reports Reuter, as their present names "have constantly exposed us to ridicule and embarrassment."

Boxer-Pilot Now A Duke

SQUADRON-LEADER the Marquis of Douglas and Clydesdale, "the boxing Marquis," now on active service, became a Duke and the premier Peer of Scotland on the death of his father, the Duke of Hamilton and Brandon.

The former Duke—he was seventy-eight—died at his home, Fernie House, Donhead, near Salisbury, Wilts.

The new Duke is M.P. for Eastern Renfrew, Scotland, where a by-election will now be held. He is thirty-seven. A few years ago he was one of the finest amateur boxers in the country. In 1933 he led the expedition that flew over Mount Everest.

The late Duke when a young naval officer, delighted in daring feats, and one of his favourite ones was to swim under the keel of the warship in which he served. One day he struck the keel and received a spinal injury which made him an invalid.

After being such an active man in his youth the Duke's injury liked him, and he lived for the day when his sons would grow up and do what he had wanted to do," said an old retainer of the Duke.

Lord David Douglas-Hamilton, a brother of the new Duke, married Miss Prunella Slack.

gram saying that her husband was missing and believed drowned.

Hard To Decipher

"In the darkness she could not see who handed it to her, and the message, written in pencil, was scarcely decipherable in artificial light."

"I have since learned that the next of kin of other men lost in the Exmouth received similar telegrams at a very late hour."

"I think the present system is shocking. If it is to be continued, people might just as well learn of their bereavements by reading the newspapers."



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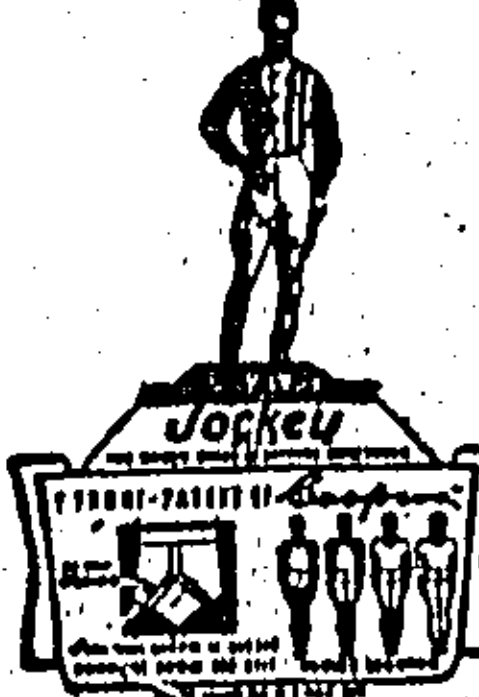


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Cameraman Attacked by German Bombers

AN American cameraman who watched the destruction of the only remaining structure in Namsos—the pier—who saw the sloop Bittern sink with 1,000 feet of film telling the story of the bombing of the city, and was sunk while conveying troops, arrived in London.

He is Mr. Bonney M. Powell, New York representative of Fox and British Movietone. He left Namsos with a party of British troops on May 3 and arrived at a port.

"Wherever the British were they were not only bombed and machine-gunned mercilessly, but their positions were radioed to German ships lying in the fjords, who were able to shell them at the given range," he said.

Mr. Powell gave a remarkable story of his adventures in Norway. He was originally assigned to film the war in Finland and spent three months there before the invasion of Norway.

"I then got instructions to go on to Norway," he said. "I was aiming for Namsos. When I arrived there the whole town was in ruins. There was not a chimney-pot standing. I have never seen such terrible destruction."

Saw Film Go Down

"I had filmed most of this and sent my results down to the quay. I learned afterwards that this film had been put on board the Bittern. I was on top of a hill when the Bittern was attacked by enemy aircraft."

One airplane dived to within about 100ft. of the British vessel and scored a hit, and I watched my film go to the bottom."

Mr. Powell made his way from Namsos towards Steinkjer to take pictures of the withdrawal of the British troops.

"The journey was one incessant attack from the air by German bombers," he said. "I was machine-gunned 14 times on the journey. They dived so close to our car that I could look into the eyes of the pilot as the plane flew overhead."

"We had a close shave when one bomb dropped only a few feet in front of our car. It did not burst but bounced away from the road. The Nazi airmen came from behind the mountains and were on top of us in a second."

"I got to within six miles of Steinkjer and watched the British troops withdrawing. Their movements were watched by wave after wave of German bombers, who flew just above the tree tops, forcing them under cover. The troops had no backing from British fighters to keep the bombers off, and were more or less helpless."

"Wonderful Work"

"But the withdrawal tactics were wonderful."

"One company of a county regiment marched 56 miles in 42 hours. The heroism of a captain in charge of a company of one regiment was remarkable. He brought out his company of 200 men through the German lines under continuous bombing attacks and managed to cover 47 miles through snow across two valleys and mostly at night without a single casualty."

"One man belonging to this company who acted as a runner crawled through snow under continuous machine-gun and rifle fire to bring news to his company when the road was clear."

"The whole withdrawal was a marvellous piece of work by the British."

COWS ON CANVAS IMPERIL R.A.s

HARMLESS haystacks and ruminating cows must pass the Censor now—if they have been put on canvas by artists.

And an R.A. caught painting a landscape for this year's Academy may find himself landed at a police station.

Many famous artists are therefore agitating for a removal of restrictions which are holding up their work.

At present, they say, it is dangerous for them to paint a haystack.

Under Home Security regulations all artists, if they wish to paint in special areas, must apply to the special areas committee at the National Gallery.

In The Dark

Many artists do not know this, and in consequence at least four have been stopped painting by policemen.

An R.A. said:

"If any artist wishes to paint a landscape he must apply to the committee, providing credentials to show that he is a recognised artist. He must also give the number of his passport."

"If he has never had a passport he cannot fill up the official form."

"When he starts painting his troubles start. A policeman may decide that painting is against the country's interests, and take the artist to the station."

Must Hide His Picture

"Having completed his painting, the artist must not show it to anyone, not even his friends. He must submit it to the National Gallery committee and get it passed by the censor."

Another R.A. said: "We are wondering if the 12,000 pictures to be submitted to the Royal Academy this year will be examined by the Censor to see whether they contain information valuable to the enemy, before they go to the Hanging Committee."

An official of the Royal Academy said he had not heard of the Permits Committee.

"What is it?" he asked.

Mr. Powell told about his escape from Namsos and the sinking of the Afrid.

"The pier was the last structure left in Namsos to be bombed. I was only a few hundred yards away when a German bomber came over, went into a vertical dive and scored a direct hit with a 500lb. bomb. There was a lot of stores on the pier at the time. The lot went up. It almost destroyed the pier, but we managed to make our way along what was left to embark for Britain."

TOWN'S WARNING TO ITS SAILORS

IN words of remarkable frankness, sailors are being warned against harpies by Grimsby Health Committee.

A "Seafarers' Guide" issued by the committee contains an "open letter" to seamen visiting the town. It says:

"Grimsby is no better and no worse than any other seaport. We think it will be a damnable shame if you get into trouble ashore through not knowing what to do with yourself when you are on leave."

"Like all places where men are gathered together, Grimsby has a certain number of harpies to fasten on them."

"If some of these girls were German agents they could not do a better job for the enemy."

"There is no love about. They want you in the black-out. They do not even want to see what you look like."

War-time Morals

"They do not care whether you are young or old, handsome or ugly, tall or short, or long, bandy or straight, or for that matter white, black or yellow."

The brochure gives a list of entertainments and social centres where recreation is provided for the Forces. War-time morals were also a topic of discussion at Lowestoft.

A public statement was issued about the Education Committee's decision to set up a secret sub-committee to investigate the morals of the town's girls.

When the matter was discussed in the Education Committee Mr. J. matter."

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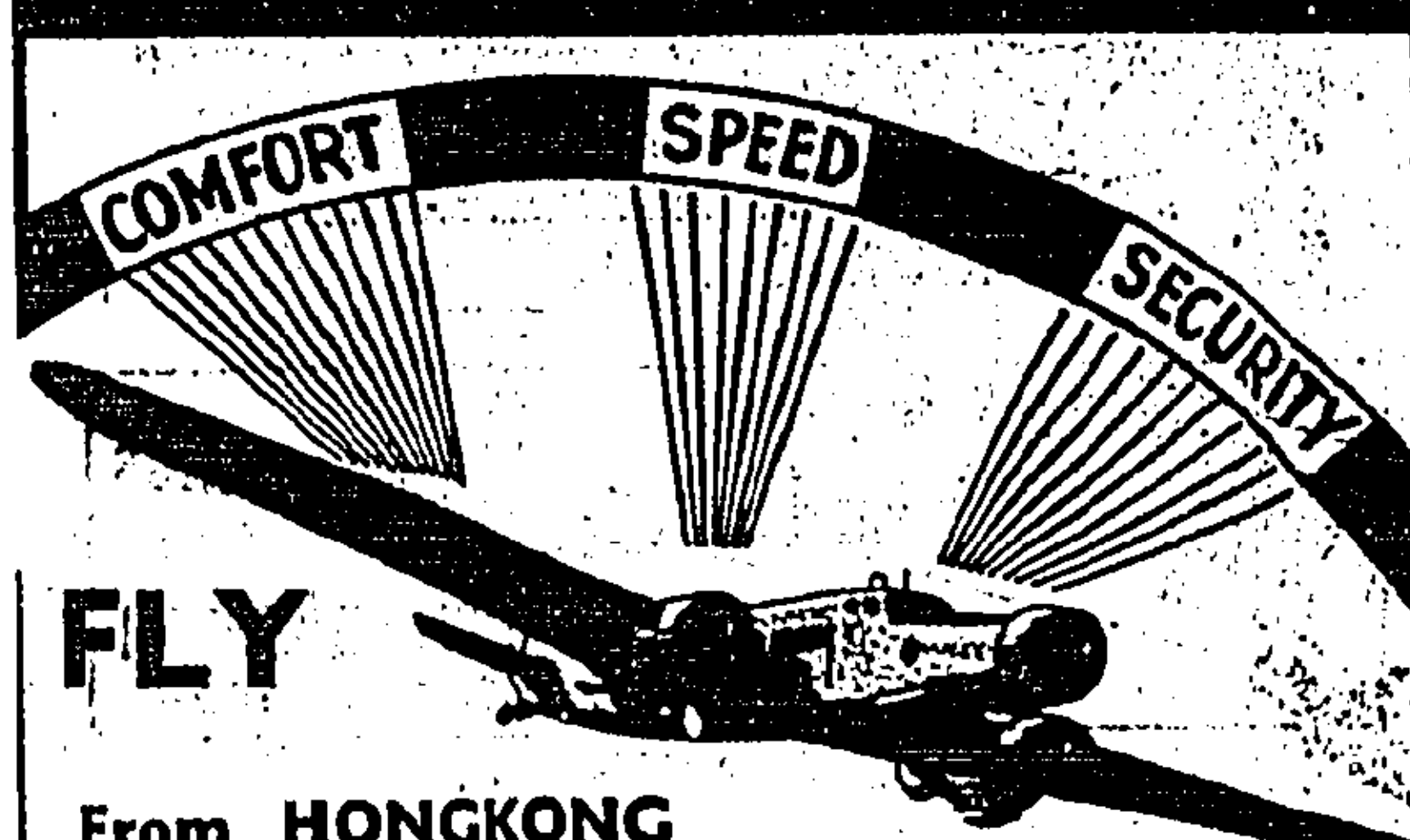
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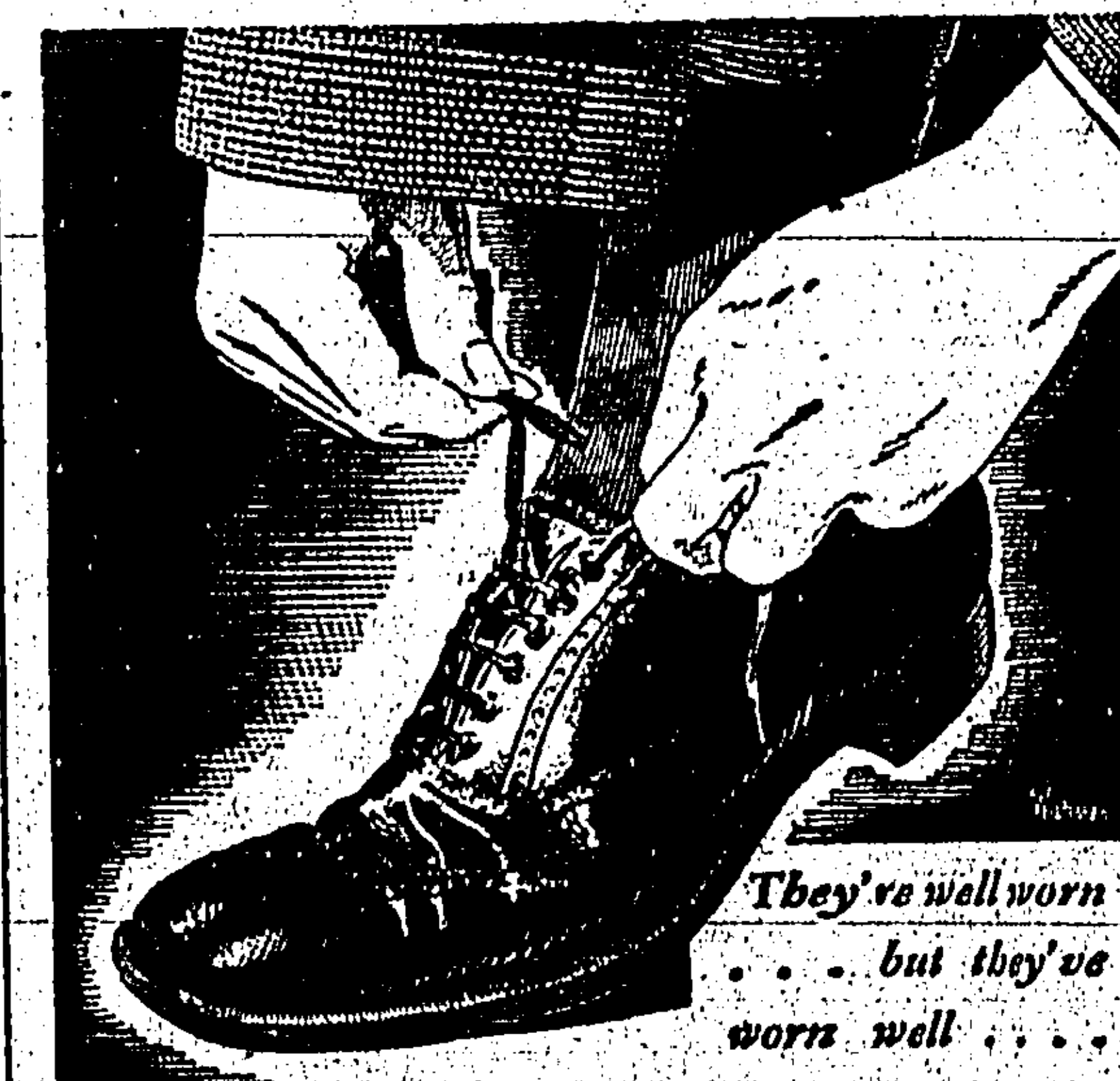
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Author Gave Up Writing to Bring Up a Girl

MR. THEODORE F. POWYS, the brilliant author and short-story writer—honoured in the Civil List just published—told his wife seven years ago: "This is the end of my writing. I have a more important job to do now."

He said those words on the day that his two-months-old adopted daughter Susan was carried into his red-brick cottage in the village of East Chaldon, near Dorchester. "I shall devote all my time to her," he added. "She shall have all that I can give her."

Mr. Powys kept his word. Publishers besieged "the natural successor to Hardy," as he was called.

But the author of "Mr. Weston's Good-Will," one of the best-sellers of 1928, wrote but rarely. "I'm too busy with Susan," he always said. Then, two years ago, he had a stroke, and has been bed-ridden ever since.

Now it is Susan—a fair-haired, blue-eyed, laughing child—who devotes her time to him. She reads to him every day.

Recently she rushed upstairs to congratulate him on his honour. He receives a supplementary pension of £40 a year in recognition of his work.

Mrs. Powys said: "My husband loved Susan from the first moment that he saw her. Writing no longer seemed to matter to him. He always said that she was far more important."

He Was Her Teacher

She told how he taught Susan to read and write, how he would take her for walks and play with her for hours.

"When he had the stroke," she said, "Susan said that she would read to him every day and tell him all that was happening outside. 'We sent her to a boarding school,' but she is a rather nervous,

delicate child and it did not suit her. Now she is back at home with us. She is being taught by Miss Muntz, a sculptress in the village, and she is very happy. She reads to my husband for a little time every day and it cheers him up a lot.

"She has started writing stories and she shows them to him. I do not know what we should do without Susan."



SERVANT GIRL TO MARRY A BARONET

A SERVANT girl and a 38s.-a-week farm labourer will go to the altar and emerge from the church as Sir John and Lady Fagge.

They will bear the name of a 300-year-old baronetcy.

The farm labourer, twenty-nine-year-old John William Frederick Fagge, has learned that he is inheriting the baronetcy through the death of his uncle, Sir John Harry Lee Fagge, of Massachusetts, U.S.A.

And the servant girl he will marry is Miss Ivy Frier, twenty-seven, of Church-lane, Newington, Kent.

Holding the solicitor's letter which told him the news, Mr. Fagge sat in his humble house in Whitstable, Kent, and told a reporter:

"I nearly collapsed when I got this. I never saw my uncle. He never wrote to me.

"Both my parents are dead, and I'm the only Fagge left in the family. When I was a little boy my father used to tell me I might one day be a baronetcy.

"But I forgot about all that. All my life I've had to get a living as a farm labourer.

"And I may go on being one. When I'm a baronet I'll still have to work.

"In fact I haven't had time to tell my employers about it all. To-day I was in the hop fields. I'll be at work at 6.30 in the morning.

"But Ivy and I are going to marry at Whitstable. And then I will be a 'Sir' and she will be a 'Lady.' I have no idea if I'll inherit any money."

"I Wouldn't Dream!"

The future wife of a baronet was washing up at the home of her employers, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Bishop, of Borden-lane, Sittingbourne, Kent, when a press representative went to see her.

This dark-haired and rosy-cheeked country girl said: "Yes, I'll use my title."

"But even when I'm a 'Lady' I'll do my own housework.

"I would never dream of having any servants.

"John and I hope to have a nice house. But we wouldn't dream of having a motor-car."

Ivy, the eldest of a labourer's five children, will be a servant until she marries.

Mrs. Frier, Ivy's mother said: "Whatever their title, they will always be just John and Ivy to me."

The last baronet, before his succession ten years ago, had for forty years worked in America as a fruit farmer, a newspaper vanman and a gardener.

Girls Keep Military Tradition

WHEN the war came Mr. and Mrs. William Fargher, of Clinton-place, West Derby, Liverpool, had a problem. How to continue the Fargher tradition for military service with no sons?

Mr. Fargher served nineteen and a half years in the West Lancashire Regiment and his father had been with the West Lancs Volunteers for twenty-nine years, but this time it looked as if the West Lancs would have to do without a Fargher.

Mr. and Mrs. Fargher, however, had not counted on their three daughters, Mona, twenty-five, a librarian; Nora, twenty, a florist; and Anita, nineteen, an art-shop assistant. All three joined the West Lancs section of the A.T.S.—and the Fargher tradition was saved.

In One Camp

Mona, smallest of the trio, threw up her job when Nora and Anita were in khaki, saying she was joining up to look after her two sisters.

All three are now stationed at a Southern Command camp and are members of the camp concert party.

One good turn the war has done the sisters is to bring them in touch with a cousin whom they had not seen before. He is in the Canadian Air Force and stationed near the girls' camp.

Following the change of Government, France's chief censor, whose ruthlessness has been the subject of much comment, has resigned. This is what the French Press thinks of censorship: "Collecting old iron: Why not start with the censor's scissors?" — "La Lumière."

Dove On Pope's Throne Greets Honeymooners

A white dove, flying through the open window, settled on the red velvet hangings of the Pope's Throne while his Holiness was addressing 800 newly-married couples.

The Pope had just taken his place, says Reuter, when the dove, one of many which often enter the Hall of Benediction in the Vatican, fluttered through one of the great windows opening on St. Peter's square.

It stayed above the Papal Throne throughout the Pope's address and only flew off after the Benediction had been given.

The honeymoon couples were delighted at such an augury and many recalled, that a white dove figures in the coat of arms of Pope Pius XII.

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NAZI CLAIMS TREATED WITH RESERVE IN ALLIED CIRCLES ARRAS AND AMIENS FALL: GERMAN TANKS MOVE FAR AHEAD OF BASES IN GREAT "BLITZ" EFFORT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, MAY 22 (UP).—THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND CLAIMS TO HAVE REACHED THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.
These reports are being treated with reserve in London.
It is admitted, however, that a few mechanised units may have succeeded in reaching the coast. This could be accomplished without cutting off Allied communications with the forces operating in Belgium, or making the situation necessarily precarious.
PRESSED ENERGETICALLY
It is further admitted that the Nazi drive towards the Channel is being pressed energetically.

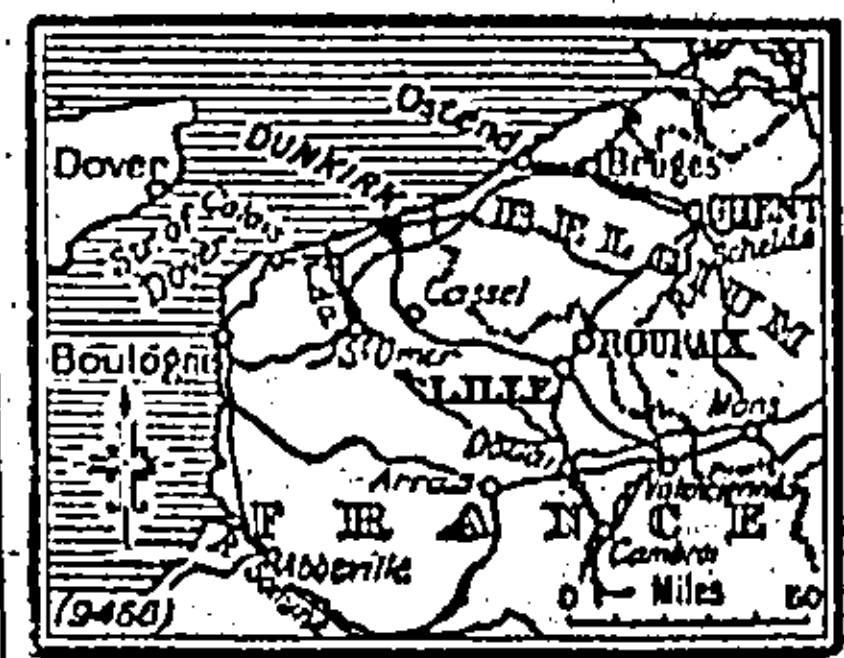
The Germans claim to have taken Arras, Amiens and Abbeville.
Arras and Amiens are over fifty miles from the scene of yesterday's heavy fighting at St. Quentin and Le Cateau.
Information available in London shows that the German claims are undoubtedly exaggerated.
But it is officially announced in Paris that the Germans have taken Arras and Amiens.
Arras is 50 miles from the Channel, and 55 miles from Boulogne and Calais.
Amiens is 55 miles from Dieppe.
Abbeville is only 15 miles from the Channel between Boulogne and Dieppe.

B.E.F. WITH BACK TO THE WALL

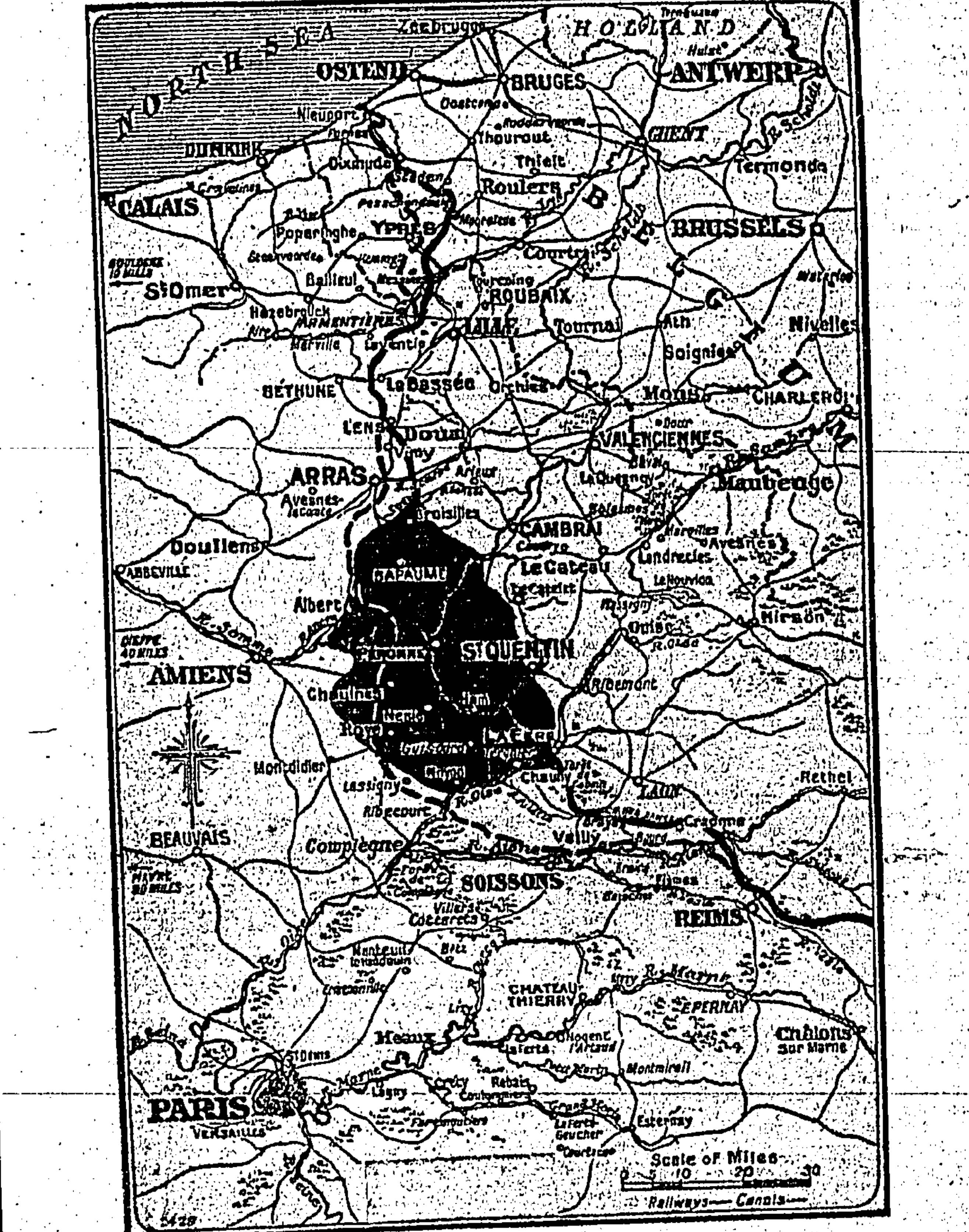
By RICHARD McMILLAN
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT
WITH THE B.E.F., May 22 (UP).—The British Expeditionary Force has its back to the wall in the great Battle for the Channel Ports.
The Germans are rapidly completing their drive towards the coast, which they are endeavouring to reach at a point between Abbeville and Le Touquet.
If and when this movement is completed, the British forces in the north will be cut off from the French forces in the south, with the British in possession of a triangle from Ostend to Valenciennes and from Valenciennes to Boulogne.
The British forces in this sector, therefore, will have no alternative but to face the enemy in the north, the east and the south in an attempt to hold the only retreat to the Channel in the west—the ports of Calais, Boulogne, Ostend and Dunkirk.
Systematic Arson
The official French analysis of yesterday's operations states that the rapid German advance was made possible by systematic arson in the entire region west of Cambrai. Incendiary bombs were dropped on a mass scale hitherto unknown. Amiens, Arras and other important French towns being swept from end to end by flames.
General Weygand, the new Allied Supreme Commander, is now on the battlefield, issuing the necessary orders for the face of an exceptionally serious situation.
Despite the lightning German advance which enabled the invading mechanised units to push fifty miles further to the coast, fierce fighting is still continuing in the Cambrai region between Allied and German forces.
Namur Falls
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Magnificent Resistance
The bulk of the German mechanised force is still checked in the Cambrai region, north of which a great battle is in progress between the B.E.F. and the Germans, with the British "resisting magnificently."
The relatively small enemy mechanised detachments which succeeded in breaking through and taking Amiens and Arras executed part of the enemy manoeuvre of rushing forward and establishing strong centres until reinforcements can arrive. The enemy offensive in Rethel has failed to dislodge the French position on the south bank of the Aisne, although Rethel is again in German hands.
Nazis in Abbeville
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PARIS, May 22 (UP).—French military sources this morning admitted that small groups of German motor-cycle units have reached the region of Abbeville, which is 15 miles from the English Channel.

Military circles in London point out that the Germans have advanced ahead of their bases at such a rapid pace that they must remain in perpetual danger of losing most of their tanks and motorised units, which have advanced far ahead of the infantry.
MAY COST NAZIS WAR
Any wastage in this direction might cost Germany the war.
Even if the Germans succeed in establishing a line from Sedan to the coast it is entirely possible that the Allies in Belgium could force a way to the south.

Military authorities point out that if the Germans get control of Belgium and northern France, the Allies can reform along the Somme and Aisne rivers.
The German gains would control the French shore and the Straits of Dover thus hampering Allied communications across the Channel as well as putting German planes within striking distance of Britain and giving the Germans the choice of driving on Paris or waging an intensified war against Britain.
England Prepared
While Britain is preparing swiftly and grimly for invasion, important military theorists hold that the invasion of England by sea is "fantastic," due to Germany's loss of one-third of their fleet.
It is pointed out that the transportation of tanks to England is virtually impossible, because few ships could handle 70-ton tanks.
Even if some would be embarked and disembarked from special ships, there could only be a few, which would not present a serious factor.
Moreover, it is believed here that German transports could not land in the face of British aviation, sea power, mine protection and shore batteries.



THE MAP ABOVE illustrates the latest developments in France. The blacked-in portion in the centre shows where the bulk of the German mechanised and infantry units are now engaged in fierce fighting with Allied and French troops. Only light mechanised or motor-cycle units have succeeded in breaking through from this area and entering Arras and Amiens. Distances to the English Channel are given on left-hand side of map.



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Death Penalty For Enemy Parachutists

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, May 21 (UP).—In the House of Commons to-day Mr. Churchill announced that all stages of the Treachery Bill—whereby the death penalty will be inflicted on parachutists landing in civilian clothes—will be heard on Wednesday.
Simultaneously all stages are to be taken in a Bill amending the National Service and Armed Forces Act which will make legal the status of "parashooters" and parachutist contingents.
STOCKHOLM, May 21 (Reuter).—The Swedish Legation in Berlin is lodging a strong protest at an incident yesterday evening when a German seaplane, after flying over Swedish territory east of Narvik, opened fire at a railway station, killing a man.

Italy Will Not Wait To Strike Before Decisive Hour

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, May 21 (UP).—Germany's envoy, General von Epp, was received by Mussolini at the Palace of Venice to-day.
Signor Ansaldo, writing in "Il Telegrafo", the organ of the Italian Foreign Office, declares that Italy will take action before victory is certain on either side.
"Italy will move before the decisive hour," he writes.
"She will act before the fate of the new Europe is fixed.
The hour is approaching in which, with our own means, we will reach our objectives."
Press Campaign
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, May 21 (UP).—The Italian Press still continues the campaign.
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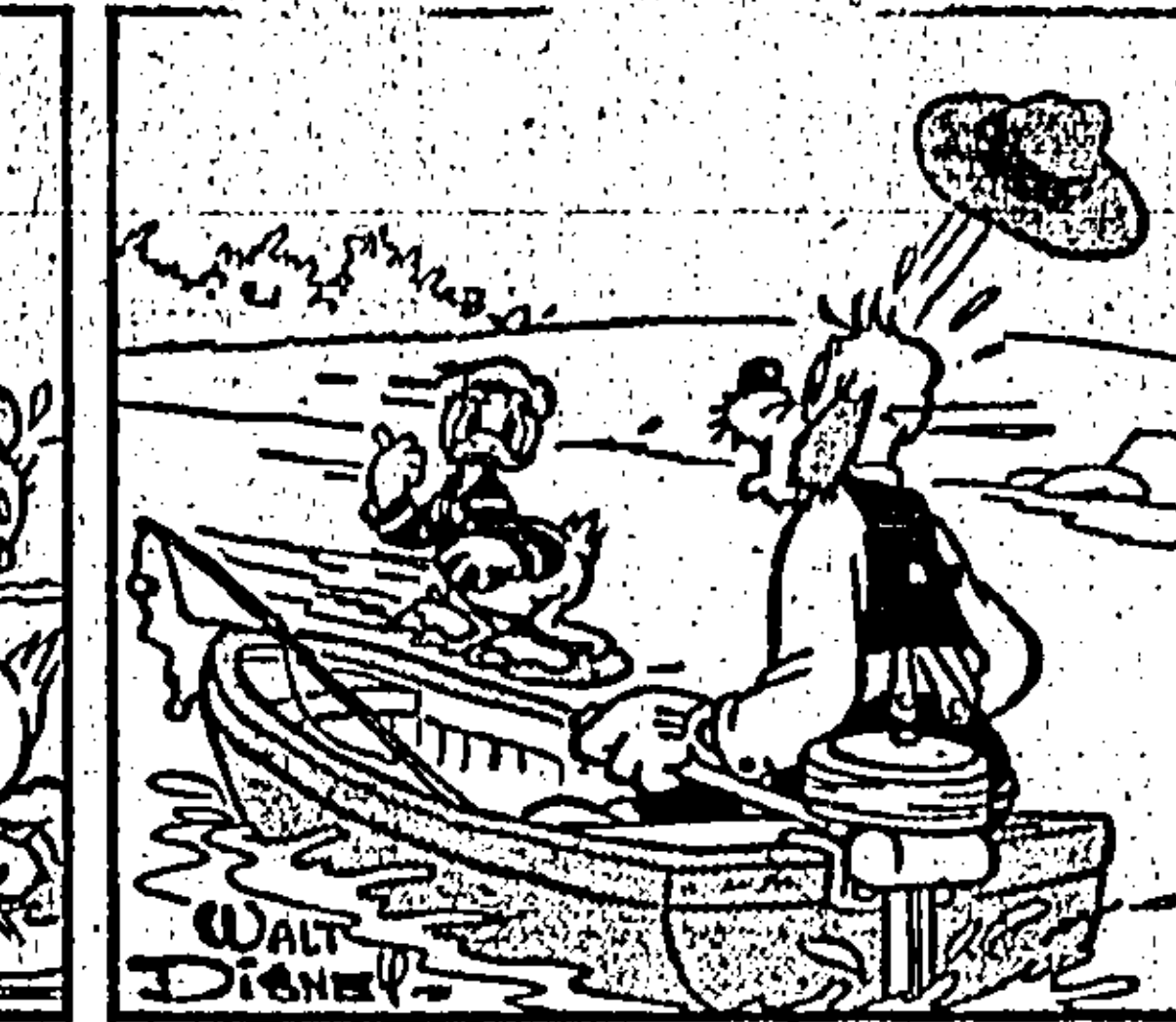
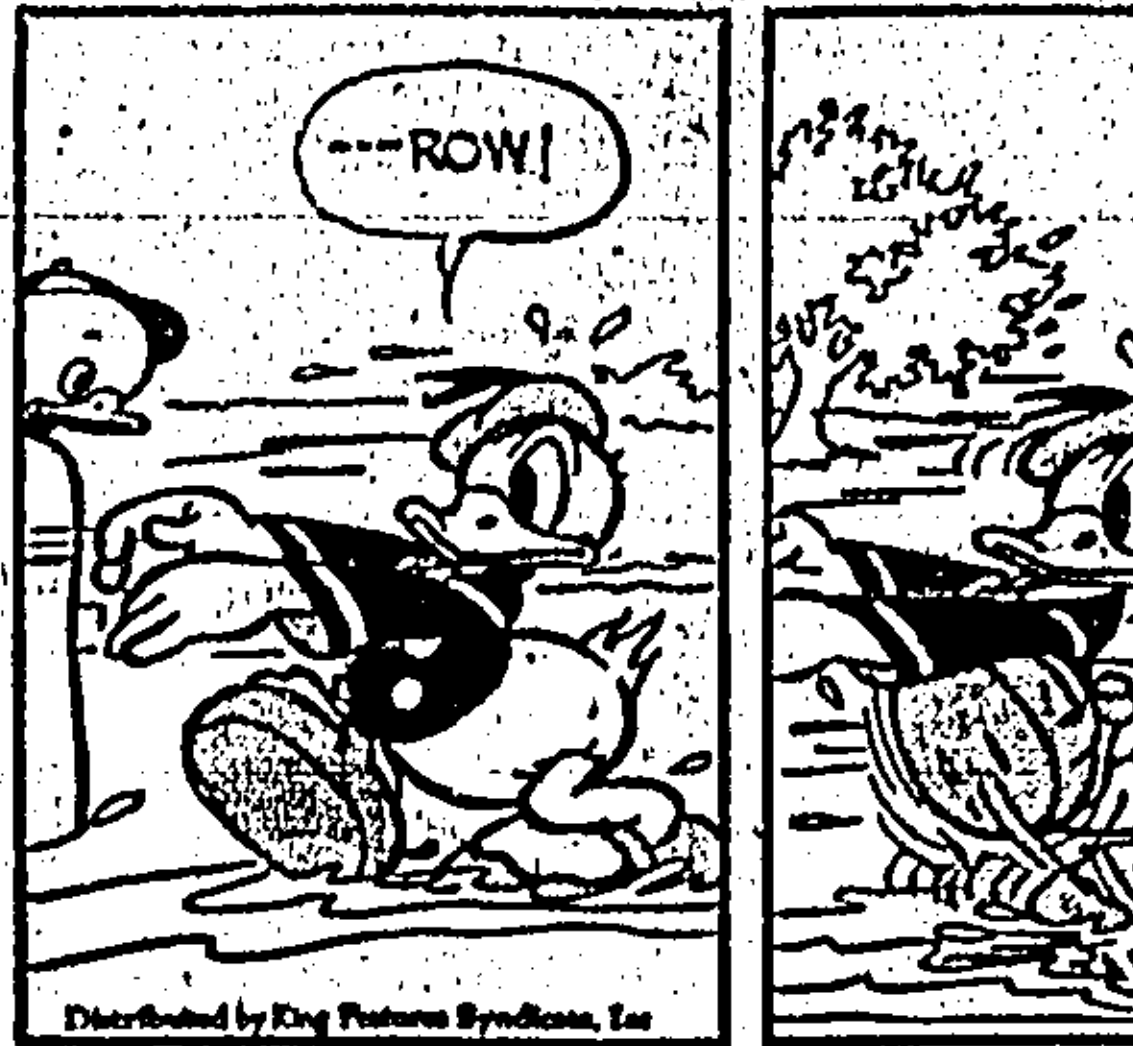
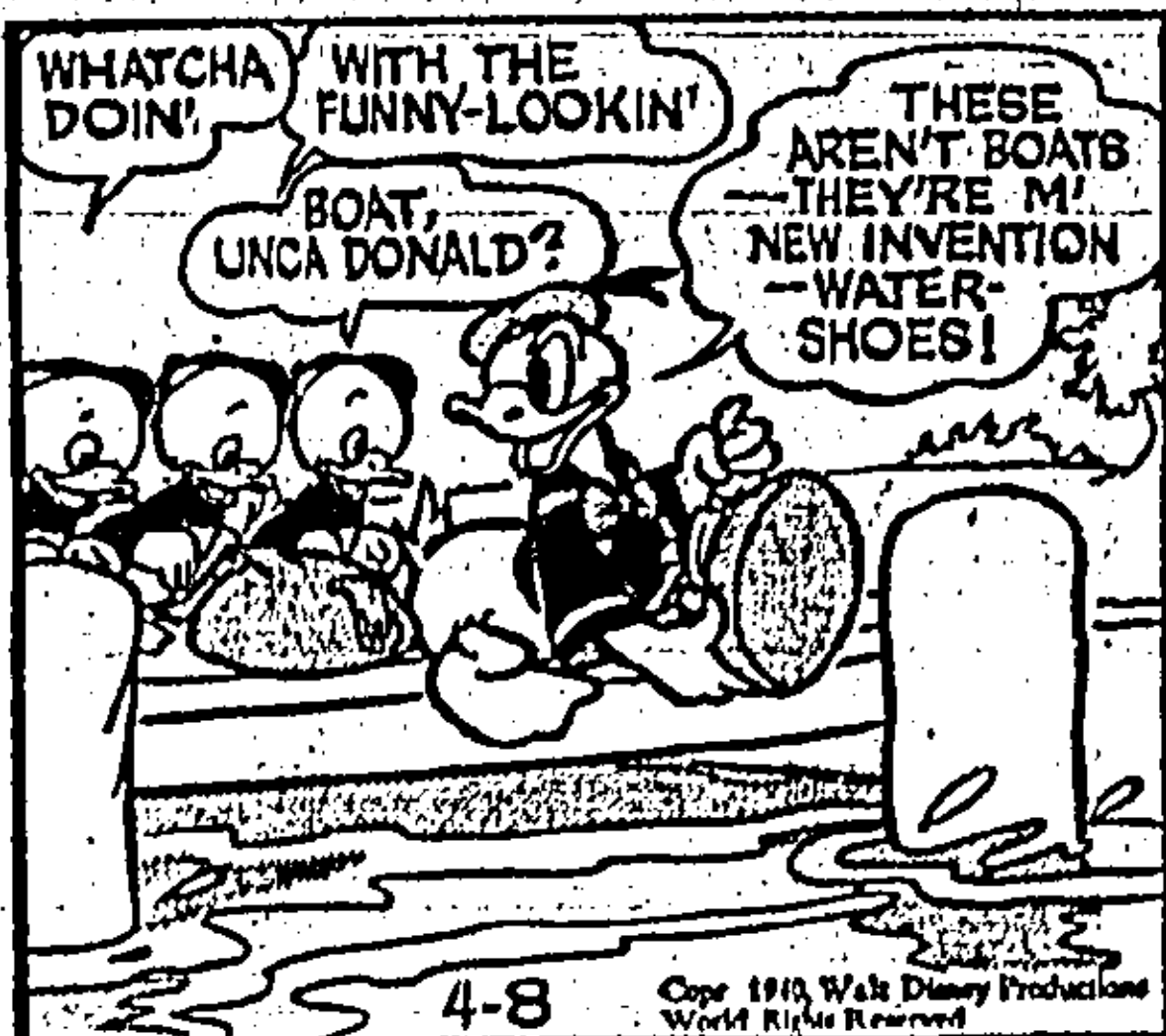
LATEST

Sell Allies All Warplanes, Proposed In U.S. Senate

WASHINGTON, May 21 (Reuter).—When the Senate began its debate on the Army Supply Bill to-day, Mr. Claude Pepper, one of the Democratic members for Florida, declared that in the next few days in the European war "may mark the turning point of civilization."
He submitted a resolution permitting President Roosevelt to sell to the Allies for cash any warplanes now in the possession of the United States Army or Navy.

See Back Page For Further Late News

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Not To Take
AdvantageIndia And Britain's
Present Anxiety

ALLAHABAD, May 21 (Reuter).—Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, former President of the Indian National Congress, stated in an interview that at a private meeting of the United Provinces Congress Committee on Sunday, he opposed those who wanted to start civil disobedience immediately because of the developments in Europe.

The Pandit said the war situation was distressing him, because he did not wish to see Nazi domination of Europe. Nevertheless India's attitude was not determined by the war situation but by Britain's attitude to India and her refusal to recognise her independence.

Mahatma Gandhi had said, continued Mr. Nehru, that the present suspense could not long continue. Events were forcing the pace, but to time India's actions chiefly because of England's peril was wrong and against India's policy of truth.

Darkest Hour
Before DawnMackenzie King Asks
For Courage

OTTAWA, May 21 (Reuter).—Addressing the House of Commons today, the Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King asked the members to remember that "in this, probably one of the darkest hours in the history of our Empire, that the outlook was similarly black in 1916, but the British and French troops rallied and won."

Mr. Mackenzie King declared that the situation of France was more serious.

Close Co-operation

He briefly reviewed the position from the communiques received and declared that the British and French were working in close co-operation, their morale unbroken.

He added: "The gravity of the news precludes the need for any general statement of policy or programme since the situation is changing every hour—every minute."

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The Inspector, 82, Argyle St., Kowloon.

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On Friday, the 24th May, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, Shungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays, one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11.30 a.m. and one delivery of registered correspondence at 11 a.m. There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILES

Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 16th May.

Registered and Parcel Mail—May 22.

Direct Mail by "Pan American Airways"—San Francisco date, 14th May—May 22.

Canton—May 22.

Haliphong—May 22.

Straits—May 22.

Canton—May 23.

Japan and Manila—May 23.

Sundakan—May 23.

Shanghai—May 23.

Shanghai and Swatow—May 23.

Bangkok—May 24.

Canton—May 24.

Japan—May 24.

Air Mail by Imperial Airways Direct Service—London date, 16th May.

Japan and Manila—May 25.

Shanghai—May 25.

Straits—May 25.

OUTWARD MAILES

Wednesday, May 22

Bangkok—Noon.

Straits—Noon.

Air Mail for Indo-China, Iran, and France (Paris and Northern Provinces only) by the "Air France Airways Direct Service."

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Reg. May 22, 5.00 p.m.

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Sundakan—7 p.m.

Straits—7 p.m.

Thursday, May 23

Fort Bayard and Hollow—Noon.

Amoy—7.00 p.m.

Bangkok—7 p.m.

Friday, May 24

Canton—7.15 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa—10.30 a.m.

Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island.

G.P.O. & K.P.O.

Reg. May 24, 11.15 a.m.

Ord. May 24, 11.45 a.m.

Monday, May 27

Manila—9.30 a.m.

Haliphong—Noon.

Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London via Long-Sea-Route.

K. F. O.

Parcels—3 p.m.

Reg. May 25, 5 p.m.

Ord. May 25, 5.30 p.m.

G. P. O.

Reg. May 25, 5 p.m.

Ord. May 25, 5.30 p.m.

Air Mail for Malaya, Java, and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service."

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A Look Through
The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

Steam boats are now made by hydraulic power in England. They are said to be superior to those of wood and canvas produced about the same cost. This was the birth of riveting as we know it today.—Ed.

It is not out of place to cast a glance into the future in order to discern in what shape the electric railway of the future will be. One of their main objective points is to attain higher speed than is now reached with the fastest express train, and enough has already been demonstrated to show that this is by no means impossible. This has been achieved some time in operation at Laurel, Md., a system of electric railway originally designed by David G. Wiegman. When it was recently inspected by the writer, with his watch in hand, he noted a speed of 100 miles an hour. The car was a single-decked motor car, with a single motor and twenty miles an hour. The electric car there employed is a clear shaped, pointed front, and the electric motors are constructed with a revolving armature which is mounted directly on the axle so that no intermediate gearing whatever is employed. The curiously pointed ends of the car wheels are a feature of the design, and the car is said to be a great deal faster than the greatest railway engine; much greater, in fact, than the resistance due to the axle, rolling resistance, which at lower speeds is predominant.

A demonstration in favour of the eight-hour day was held at the Victoria Theatre on May 4 in Hyde Park. Two immense processions were formed and marched to the Victoria Theatre. At least one hundred thousand persons took part. Perfect order prevailed.

25 YEARS AGO

The papers are devoting much space to the question of National Service. While the Government is generally in favour of it, a section of the Liberal press is likewise advocating such a measure. The "Daily News" has been a sign of the "Economist," however continue to oppose.

Field Marshal Sir John French in a communique states that since May 20, the small towns have been made East of the Somme. The Government has been a British aeroplane brought down a German aeroplane in the neighbourhood of Moirville, Belgium.

A Paris communique states: "We easily traced an attack in the Lorette district."

10 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1930. Definite evidence of the split in the Labour Cabinet is furnished by the resignation of Sir Oswald Mosley, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, a position which gives him Cabinet rank. Sir Oswald has resigned following a division in the House of Commons on Monday night when the Government majority was reduced to 15 on an Opposition motion that the Government had failed to deal adequately with the unemployment problem. The Government's small majority is tantamount to a vote of no-confidence and accordingly resigned. Sir Oswald's resignation is a memorandum by members of the Wing of the Labour Party, including Sir Oswald, suggesting bolder methods to cope with unemployment. The Cabinet recently finally rejected the memorandum which advocated the lavish expenditure of borrowed money.

5 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1935. A strong complaint against Italy is contained in a telegram received by the League of Nations Council today from the Emperor of Abyssinia. The Emperor claims that Italy, since the incident at Valtul when Italian colonists and Abyssinian tribesmen clashed with loss of life on both sides, employed every diplomatic effort to evade their international obligations and to prevent impartial examination of the differences between the two countries.

Our Merchant
Navy's SpiritHigher Than Ever
Says Minister

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The spirit of the Merchant Navy has never been better, said Mr. Ronald Cross, the Minister of Shipping, at the annual congress of the National Union of Seamen today.

Telegrams were sent pledging their loyal support to the Prime Minister and Labour members of the Government.

At the beginning of the war, said Mr. Cross, the Merchant Navy was subjected to violent and ruthless attacks by the enemy.

Square Deal, Promise

In spite of this there has never been any difficulty about getting ships to sail. They could not have a healthy industry without proper conditions and pay for the men.

He would endeavour to see that the Merchant Navy, as a whole, got a square deal.

Civilian Prisoners
Exchanged

SPECIAL TO THE TELEGRAPH.—German and French civilian prisoners were exchanged at Geneva today.

Ninety French and 63 Germans have been repatriated to their homes.

COLONIAL
NEEDSHouse Finds Time For
Social Legislation

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons today, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Minister of Health and former Colonial Secretary, moved the second reading of the Bill authorising the expenditure of £5,000,000 a year for ten years for Colonial development and welfare and £500,000 a year on Colonial research, as well as remitting the loans amounting to over £11,000,000 from the United Kingdom to the Colonies.

He said it was characteristic that while every ounce of our energy was being thrown in to the tasks of comforting, defeating and destroying the enemy, yet the House found time to turn and offer substantial and generous encouragement to Colonial development.

Continuing, Mr. MacDonald said: "At this critical hour, the world will make the passage of this Bill through British Parliament as a sign of ultimate victory. This nation will pass triumphantly through its present ordeal, however hard, grim and desperate the struggle may be, and when the enemy is worsted and the war finished, Britain will still exercise vast responsibilities for the government of Colonial peoples."

These Sombre Days

In these sombre days, our anxieties and hopes are fully shared by the peoples of the Colonies. It seems to me that one of the most notable assurances that our cause is just is the fact that these distant peoples, alien to us in race, who are ruled by us, sprang instantly and spontaneously to our side at the moment of the declaration of war.

There are some 60 Colonial territories. Most of them are far removed from the scene of our European quarrels. Many of them are comparatively small communities who, in these circumstances, might well have thought to excuse themselves from the sufferings, hazards and dangers of modern war. "But not a single one of them chose to take that course. I think it significant that these 60,000,000 people, scattered over 50 distant territories, who are not free to govern themselves and who are governed by us, recognise instinctively from that experience that we are the true guardians of the peoples."

Not A Bribe

Nevertheless, he continued, the proposals for the assistance towards Colonial developments were not a bribe or reward for the Colonies' support in the present supreme crisis. They were conceived long before the war and were part of the normal peace-time development of British Colonial policy.

The money would be devoted to research, building clinics, hospitals, schools, etc.

The Government also attached particular importance to the giving of assistance to works of economic development. These works would enable them to exploit to the maximum the natural resources of those territories which would place a colony in a position to finance, out of its own resources, the administrative and social services required.

The object was that the Colonies should become, as far as possible, self-supporting units.

To Work Day
And NightMighty Effort By
Aircraft Workers

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, has issued an appeal to all employees on aeroplane production to work on Saturday and Sunday, the next week-end and the following week-end.

They are asked to work by night and day on full overtime for the present, says the appeal.

Any firm unable to follow this advice for any reason is invited to telegraph Lord Beaverbrook explaining the difficulties and everything possible will be done to smooth them out.

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12.30 Terence Casey at the Organ.

12.44 Alfredo Campoli and His Orchestra.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Dance Music by Jack Hylton and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Haydn—Symphony No. 93 in D Major.

Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.

2.15 Close Down.

6.00 Schumann—Overture "Mazurka," Op. 115.

The B. B. C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.

6.14 Schumann—Trio in D Minor, Op. 63.

Cortot (Piano), Thibaud (Violin), and Casals (Cello).

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Songs by Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano).

7.00 Albert Sandler and His Orchestra.

London Relay—The News.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Orchestral Selections.

8.14 Studio—The Toffi Trio playing Dumky Trio, Op. 90 (Dvorak).

1st. Movement: Lento maestoso; 2nd. Movement: Andante; 3rd. Movement: Andante moderato; 4th. Movement: Allegro; 5th. Movement: Lento maestoso.

8.45 Studio—"Poets"—J. Spencer.

The first of a new series of talks by Father Ryan, S.J.

9.05 English Ballads.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 Magazine Feature Programme No. 3.

Recording of talks by a South African doctor with a balloon bar.

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rage, by a skipper who fought off Nazi bombers, and by a trawler expert who discusses war on the British economic front.

9.45 An Irish Programme.

10.13 Dance Music.

11.00 London Relay—"Matters of Moment."

11.15 Close Down.

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The Soldiers' Chorus...

By Alan R. Dower

Black, white or yellow—the warriors of the nations have sung their way to battle through every age. Times and tunes have changed since the Roman legions marched to Verulamium to meet Caractacus with a song of triumph on their lips; but, even down to the present day, the hymn of battle has been encouraged in every army of the world.

IT is not altogether a boast of national ego or regimental pride. Any soldier who has trudged the weary miles knows the value of a lusty song to aching limbs and jaded spirits.

The songs these soldiers sing have an infinite variety, for the music of a nation reflects the characteristics of its people.

Rider Haggard, in his novel, "Nada the Lily," gives us the chant of the Zulu Impis in their tribal wars:

"We are the King's kins, bred to be butchered;
"And you are one of us.

"We are the Zulu children of the Lion.
"What! Did you tremble?"

I like to think of the British tars in the turrets of the cruiser Ajax, singing as they closed the action with the Graf Spee:

"For it was fiesta, and we were so gay,
"South of the Border, down Mexico way."

"Yes, a peaceful enough song to an orchestra of guns. But does it not suggest the cool sureness of Drake before the Armada and the doggedness of Grenville in the Revenge?

Roman legionaires had their battle songs and so had the Zulus. Our own Tommies relish a lulling chorus, as do all soldiers.



Go down through history to the Crusades and you will find one of the most familiar stock tunes of the present day. Saracens heard the air of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" when the Crusaders went on their pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

Battle Songs Down the Ages

Throughout the dark days of 1914-18 the Royal Air Force sang its disdain of all earthly things:

"So raise your glasses steady,
"This world is a world of lies;
"Here's a health to the dead already,
"And Hurrah! for the next man that dies."

TO-DAY, as France throbs again to the tramp of marching feet, the Allied forces take up the breezy chorus of "Booms-a-Daley," a popular refrain with the French as well as British troops.

Sometimes, too, they ask—

"What is this man who looks like Charlie Chaplin?"

"What makes him think that he can win a war?"

"It can't be his moustache,
"Cause that just makes us laugh,

"And Charlie's done it better,
"And before!"

"Villie le boudin—There is the pudding!" chant the hard-bitten sons of the Foreign Legion as they come from the desert to join them, "A rifle's not a heavy load, legionnaire!"

"Whether the weather may be wet or fine,
"We'll just rub along without a care;

"We're gonna hang out our washing on the Siegfried Line
"If the Siegfried Line's still there!"

Such is the optimism of British youth when it forms its ranks for battle.

Not unlike it in sentiment was the Texan battle song during the 1821 war for the liberation of Texas from Mexico. Charging over the prairie of San Jacinto, in the full blast of a withering Mexican fire, the Texan frontiersman sang derisively:

"Will you come to the bower I have shaded for you?"

The original words have been long forgotten, but the same tune was continually on the lips of the great Napoleon. Perhaps we can imagine him softly murmuring it as he gazed thoughtfully from the little mound at Ratisbon:

"Oh, Marlborough's gone a-fighting,
"Oh, when will he return?"

WHEN SEBASTOPOL was stormed and taken British troops at the Crimea rejoiced thereafter in a song that was typical of that die-hard period:—

"Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah! The deed of deeds is done;

"Ours is the glorious day, Sebastopol is won."

Forty years ago, Britons and Colonials marched into the Boer War with a carol—"Soldiers of the Queen," "Dolly Grey," and "There's a Girl."

"Oh, there's a lot of hair,
"You've enough to stuff a chair,
"You've got a tidy mop,
"Get a little bit off the top."

The outlook of the British Tommy has changed little down the centuries. Anthems are rare items in his repertoire. Nor will he have the fervor of the "Horst Wessel" song, "Deutschland Über Alles Auf Der Ganzen Welt," or the Italian Fascist "Giovinezza."

Rather does he seek to voice his spirits in the rollicking "Mademoiselle From Armentieres"—with ever-changing parody—or the immortal "Tipperary."

So far, this war has not produced the Ivor Novello or Jack Judge of the last great struggle, but Gracie Fields has already given "Wave Me Goodbye" the great popularity it deserves.

New melodies are many, but it takes a decided bit to displace some of the old time-honoured favourites. "Pack Up Your Troubles" and "Keep the Home Fires Burning" are always synonymous with periods of fortitude and courage, and "The Little Grey Home in the West" has never lost its appeal.

And what soldier has not swung along to "Take Me Back to Dear Old Blighty" at one time or another?

IN spite of a heavy influx of popular songs from the home-land, many British battalions still cling jealously to their regimental marches and country airs. Some of these have played their parts around the world and back again.

The Loyal North Lancashire play "Red Rose" and the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry enjoy the rousing "March of The Cornishmen."

The Scots Guards swing along to "Cook o' the North," and the Grenadier Guards to the brave strains of "The British Grenadiers."

The same tune, with typical verse is a favourite with the U.S. Marines.

"From the Halls of Montezuma
"To the shores of Tripoli,
"We fight our country's battles
"On the land and on the sea;

"And if you ever have the luck
"To gaze on heaven's scenes,
"You will find the streets all
"Guarded there by the U.S. Marines."

Sometimes, too, they march to the "Dixie" of the American Civil War, or "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight."

And here is a fragment of the marching song of the U.S. 27th Infantry:—

"Oh, the monkeys have no tails,
"They were bitten off by whales,
"Oh, the monkeys have no tails
"In Zambouanga.

Ridiculous, yes; but so it goes on the world over. The wild whoop of the Cherokee . . . the war march of the ancient priests.

What age, what tongues has not raised the song of battle for its warriors?

One might even say that the story of this world could be written in the music of the brave.

Walter Winchell Talks

Here is a statement that has interested millions of American radio listeners. It is an answer to a friendly challenge by the London "Sunday Dispatch" to Mr. Walter Winchell, famous American commentator. The "Sunday Dispatch" asked Mr. Winchell: "How do you explain America's peace-time clamour, 'Stop the Dictators,' with her present attitude of isolationism and indignation over British censorship of United States mails?" Here is his answer made by radio.

IT IS true (says Walter Winchell) that America hates oppression, especially cowardly attacks on defenceless political minorities, but we have good reason to distrust Europe. We have learned that nations may be allies yet not have the same objectives.

NOT every hater of tyranny is a lover of democracy; not every foe of Hitler's is a friend of freedom.

TWENTY years ago we had faith. Now we have 11 billion dollars in war debts to remind us that Europe's commercial promises are not good, and China, Ethiopia, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Albania, Poland, and Finland to remind us that European military treaties are worth even less.

WE think Europe is morally bankrupt, and that it is a quaint European custom to cry about universal liberty in order to protect selfish national policies.

UNDER certain conditions, if necessary, we will fight to the death—but this time it will be only to defend our own country, our own Bill of Rights and our own institutions.

YES, it is true that we are 3,000 miles from the firing line, but the so-called civilised belligerents are only 600 miles from Finland.

WE do love democracy, but our answer to Europe is Europe's answer to the Czechs, the Austrians, the Albanians, the Poles, and the Finns.

And Here's The Reply

The invitation to Mr. Winchell and to other famous columnists was no criticism of America's attitude, but an honest inquiry. It was not an inquiry why America had not joined the Allies; it was, why America, once Britain was at war with Germany, had substituted for her demand that we should "stop the dictators" a clamour that we should not allow our war to interfere with America's business routine.

IT is true that nations may be allies yet not have the same objectives. Towards the end of the last war the United States gave its mighty aid to our cause. No Briton and no Frenchman will ever feel other than grateful for that intervention, but at the end of the war our objectives differed.

President Wilson inspired the League of Nations, with all its ambitions and all the difficulties which it entailed. America quickly repudiated the League, but the Allies stayed in.

ETHIOPIA—It was because of the League that Great Britain antagonised her old ally Italy by joining in a programme of sanctions to end the war in Ethiopia.

Sanctions failed (and the League virtually died) because some countries were not applying sanctions. Among those countries, of course, was the United States.

CHINA—It is hard to believe that Mr. Winchell is serious when he throws China in our faces. England is 10,000 miles sea journey from China.

America may be 3,000 miles away from Europe, but she was much nearer to this particular job of police work than was Britain. She has a huge fleet based on the Pacific and she had a big trade with Japan, which included much of the material which Japan needed to start what she refused to call war.

The United States did not see fit to combine with Great Britain in resisting this incursion. To be fair, it must be said that she has recently refused to renew her trade treaty with Japan.

ALBANIA had no guarantees from Britain or France. If Mr. Winchell wanted us to go to war with Italy about Albania, there is no reason why America should not have gone to war with Italy on the same issues.

AUSTRIA and CZECHOSLOVAKIA can be grouped. A democracy to wage war requires two things: (1) Conviction by every member of the democracy that war is justified, and (2) The arms for war.

For a long time Britain had neither. Hitler's absorption of Austria and his demand for the return of the Sudeten minorities still fitted in with the conception held by a great many people in this country that he sought only to reunite the German-speaking peoples.

It was only when he repudiated the Munich agreement that the whole of Britain was convinced that the safety of other nations was at stake. Even then we had not the necessary arms, and it is no comfort to the average Briton, in the time we have since taken to rearm ourselves, to be told that this is a "phony war."

WAR DEBTS.—We appreciate that the war debts sores still smart, but here again facts are the best solvers.

Let Mr. Winchell not forget that Britain, too, suffered in the war debts settlement. We could very easily have paid America the book debt if we had insisted on all that was owed by ally and enemy being paid. But Europe's economy would have been smashed, and well in among the ruins would have been America. The so-called repudiation had the heartiest approval of many American economists.

One might add without intentional bitterness that though America supported our cause and, unhappily, lost many of her sons, her greater sacrifice was financial.

The United States supported us financially while her men were fighting. We could not ask for a return of our debt.

POLAND—After Hitler's repudiation of the Munich agreement, Poland was the next country menaced. Great Britain and France, at least, offered her an alliance, difficult though it was to implement, but the measure of our earnestness is that we are committed to a war which threatens to be the bloodiest in history.

FINLAND may well be the issue on which we finally part company with Mr. Winchell. Our consciences can rest easy on the statements of responsible Finnish Ministers—made even in the bitter hour of defeat—that the Allies gave all the help they could, despite the obvious geographical difficulties, and that, although Britain and France were themselves engaged in a major war, they sent money, men, munitions and supplies, and we had still more ready, waiting the word from the men who were conducting Finland's defence.

The United States, geographically immune from reprisal, talked of a loan to Finland, but the talks fizzled out. In the end they sent medical aid.

This is not said by way of reproach to the average American; it is a plea that our difficulties should be better understood by him.

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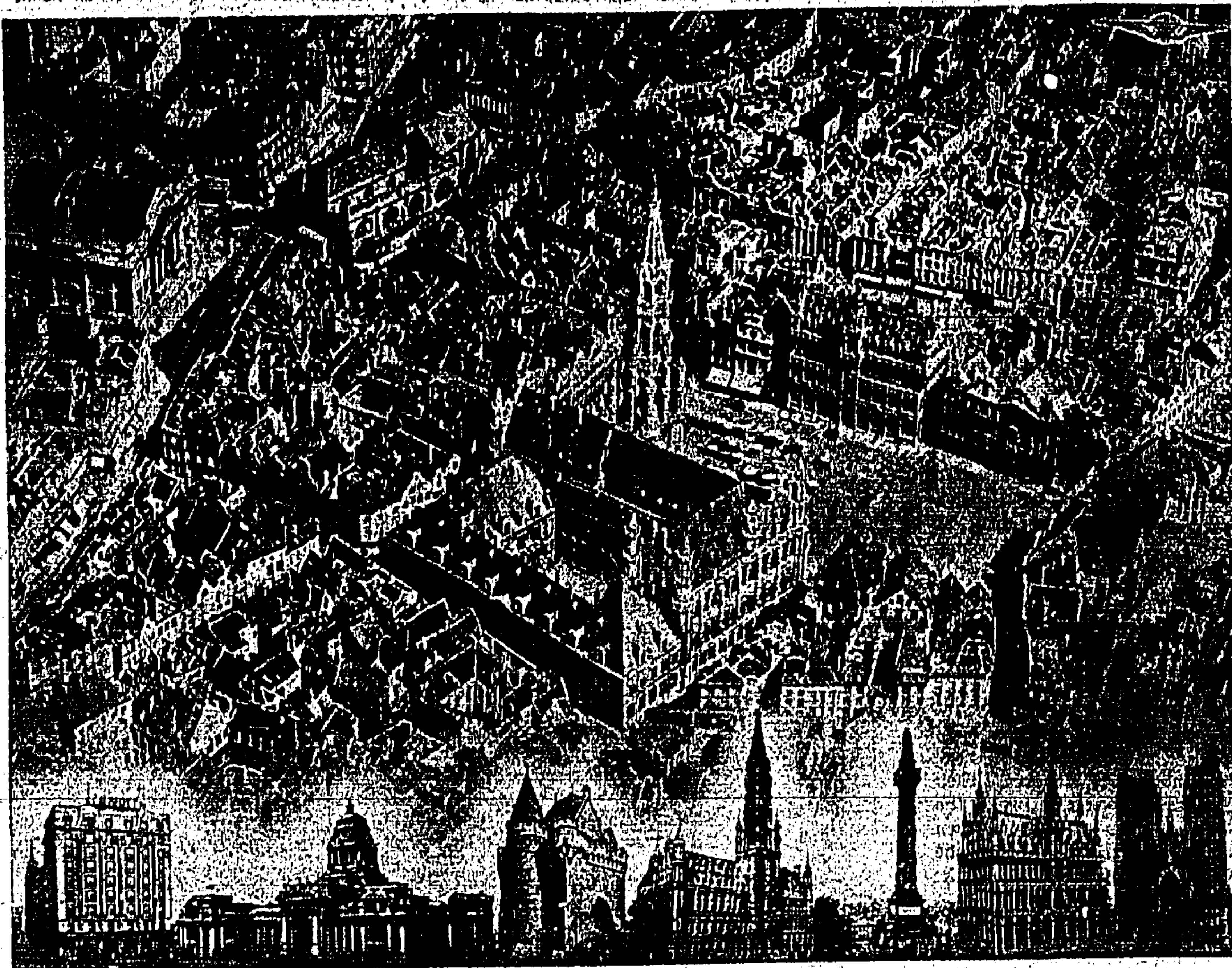
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BRUSSELS IN GERMAN HANDS



PANORAMA AND COMPOSITE photograph of Brussels, the Belgian capital which was evacuated by Allied forces during the week-end. The large photograph shows an aerial photograph of the capital, twice invaded in the last quarter of a century. Below, from left to right, are the Hotel Albert, the Palace of Justice, the Porte de Hal, the Hotel de Ville, the Colonne du Congrès, the Maison du Rue and St. Gudule's Cathedral.

HERE IS THE ARK ROYAL

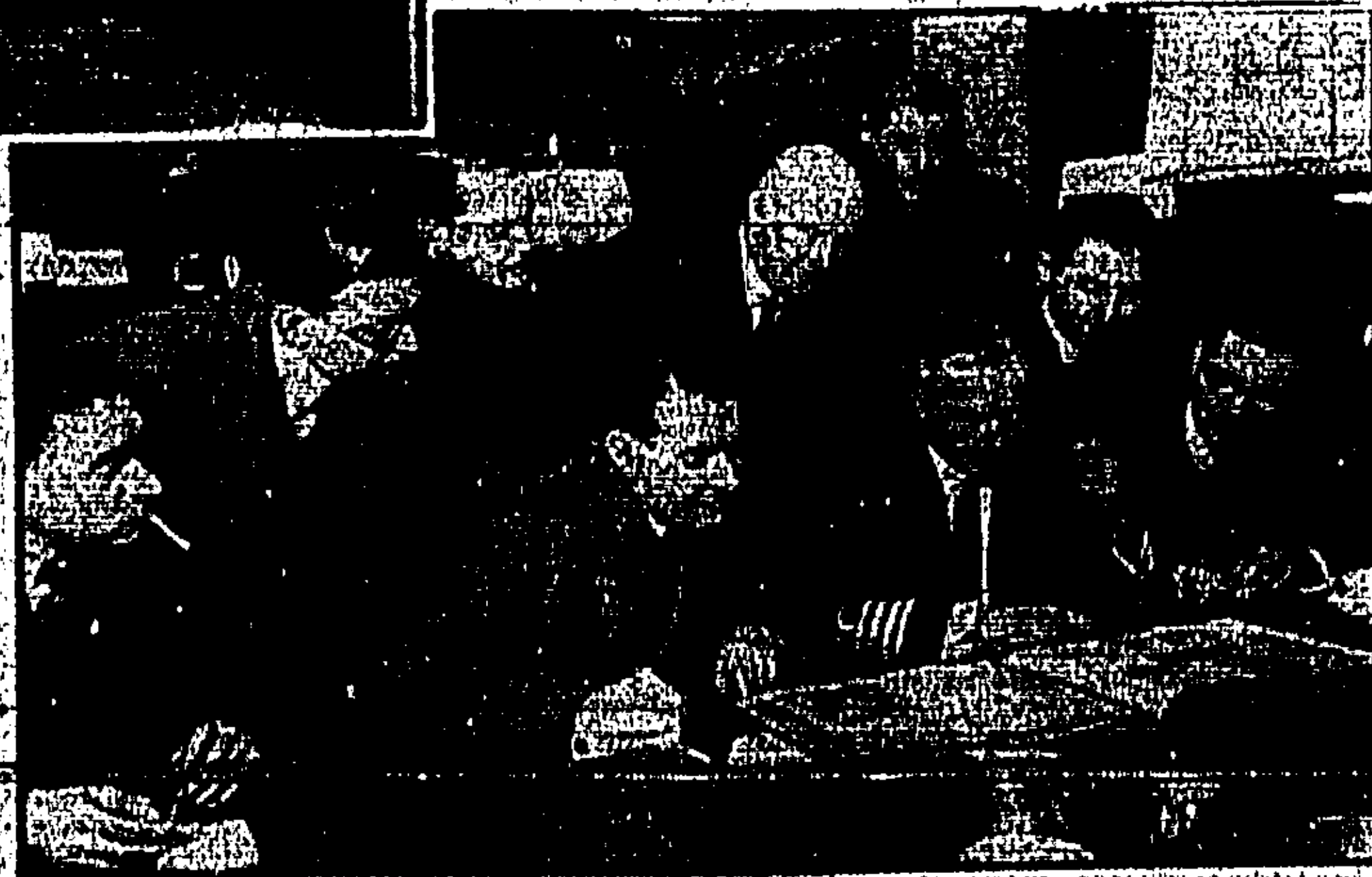


Pictures Taken At Portsmouth

HAVING repeatedly sunk the Ark Royal, the Nazi propaganda service will no doubt be surprised to see these pictures of the famous aircraft-carrier, taken at Portsmouth.

She came home from her long voyage to take on stores, tidy herself up and give her crew a well-earned leave.

Captain Power (right), of the Ark Royal, showing a group of new papermen the ship's scrapbook, which contains cartoons and newspaper comments on the alleged destruction of the aircraft-carrier. The group is looking at the imaginative drawing of the sinking (above) published in the Voelksischer Beobachter.



A group of stokers photographed on board the Ark Royal at Portsmouth. They, in common with the rest of the crew, thoroughly enjoy the joke of the supposed catastrophe.

ADMIRALTY TO REWARD WOMAN

MRS. MARY THOMPSON, of Wiltshire, near Brighthelm, is to be paid a reward by the Admiralty for the discovery of a Nazi torpedo on the beach at Brighton. The amount of the award is not disclosed.

An official at the Admiralty told a reporter that the torpedo was an ordinary model slightly altered for use by an aircraft.

"It is no different from any other torpedo," he said, "and there is nothing particularly sinister about it at all."

The torpedo is about 12ft. long. On it is painted a portrait of Mr. Chamberlain with his umbrella. It was probably dropped by a Heinkel.

Mrs. Thompson said she found the torpedo a mile south of the village of Wiltshire, where she lives.

"I had an idea what the thing was as soon as I saw it," she said. "It really looked beautiful as it glittered in the sun."

"I went straight away and told my husband, who is a special constable."

and when he came back the torpedo was secured by a rope."

The theory that the Germans are using a new type of delayed action torpedo was advanced by a Danish military expert last October.

It has also been reported that the Germans are using a new type of armour-piercing torpedo.

RADIO SPIES JAILED

A 33-YEAR-OLD German journalist, N. Drees, head of the West German news service at Bonn, and a 31-year-old woman, who were sentenced in Amsterdam to six years' imprisonment each for espionage. They were accused of operating a secret radio set and sending reports from Rotterdam to Germany.

Vatican Hostility To The Nazi Regime

HITLER PLANS TO GET RID OF POPE

By Madam TABOUIS

CAP'N N.

(man after Cap'n Kettle's heart)

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THAT fiery, red-bearded little skipper-of-forties, Cap'n Kettle, would be proud to know seventy-year-old skipper-of-forties Cap'n J. Cooper Nisbet. They are of a similar up-and-at-'em temperament.

Captain Nisbet was shot through the thigh when his 2,500-ton ship Gothio was attacked by Nazi aircraft in the North Sea. He left his home at King's Lynn, Norfolk, and went to resume command of his vessel.

Fragments of steel are still lodged in his knee-reminders of how, in the first night air attack on English shipping, he refused to take cover, and steered his ship through a hail of bullets.

His second officer, W. S. Laxton, of Streatham, S.W., died from wounds.

When Captain Nisbet left hospital he said he had one wish—to return to the sea and hit back at the Nazis.

He now awaits his sailing orders.

HITLER is so worried about the strength of anti-Axis influence in Italy that he is seriously considering a fantastic plan for forcing the Pope to seek refuge outside the country.

Ever since Ribbentrop's chilly reception at the Vatican, the Nazi leaders have realised that their regime can never find favour in the eyes of the present occupant of the Throne of St. Peter.

Hitler wants to drive Pope Pius XII out of Italy, and then try to have his election announced as invalid on the grounds that, as Cardinal Pacelli, he took part in international politics, and owes his election to the influence of anti-Fascist and non-Aryan cardinals hostile to the Axis.

The Führer is mad enough to believe that he could form a group of Pro-Nazi Cardinals and other Princes of the Church, which would be powerful enough to elect an Anti-Pope and proclaim a modification in the constitution of the Roman Catholic Church.

The new constitution would provide for the appointment in every country of "Higher Cardinals," whose task would be to adapt the "National Church" to the character of the people. The Pope would assume only the centre control of Church administration, without having any power to influence questions of doctrine or morals.

This fantastic project has been worked out by Himmler (the Gestapo Chief), Baldur von Schirach (the Hitler Youth Leader), and others, in order to counter the anti-Nazi forces in Italy which are capable of preventing that country from siding with the Reich.

Hitler was bitterly disappointed by the birthday telegram which he received from Mussolini. He had instructed Ribbentrop to suggest to Ciano that he make this message of good wishes a sensational diplomatic document. It was to attest the "joint struggle" of the two peoples against the "Western plutocrats."

Ribbentrop pointed out to Ciano that a message in such terms would not fail to impress deeply the German and Italian peoples, and still more the Allies. Ciano merely replied that he would inform the Duce of the suggestion.

The Führer awaited the telegram with great curiosity. On receiving it he showed violent anger followed by dumb consternation. It contained only wishes for "the victory of the German people."

Ribbentrop immediately drew up a reply, declaring that final victory was to be achieved by "Germany and Italy" in common. Since then Mackensen, German Ambassador in Rome, has shown such insolence towards Ciano that Mussolini had to ask Berlin for an explanation. There was even a "Mackensen-Ciano incident," but it has been smoothed over.

The Führer was likewise furious at not receiving a telegram of birthday congratulations from Stalin. He was also disgusted by a report which Schwartzkopf, Soviet Ambassador in Berlin, delivered to Ribbentrop from Moscow.

According to this the Soviet intends to remain "above the melee" to safeguard its frontier; to reinforce its military strength, and to maintain good relations with whoever is willing "without favouring anybody" and without allowing itself to be influenced by "anybody's verbosity."

Russia, moreover, is anxious to improve relations with her immediate neighbours, especially those situated south of her territory. She wants a rapprochement "at all costs" with Turkey.

On Friday, April 26, the Führer summoned his principal colleagues and the General Staff, and informed them that the invasion of Sweden was imminent. The Order of the Day in Scandinavia, he said, "was 'vassalage'—probably rather than 'cede an inch of ground'."

Supplies of iron ore must be assured at all cost, in order to strike a great blow at the Allies before winter. This would be done with the aid of Italy and Russia, who would not hang back once the Reich had secured possession of the ore.

The General Staff again raised objections to the project of a general offensive. Hitler thereupon solemnly promised them not to create any new front, except in Sweden, until he is certain of effective aid from Italy.

EVANS AIDS HAAKON

ADMIRAL Sir Edward Evans—Evans of the Broke—is at King Haakon's headquarters in Norway.

The two ardent personal friends. Sir Edward Evans was appointed naval attaché in Scandinavia just after Norway was invaded. King Haakon was delighted.

Now, at his secret headquarters, he is helping to encourage his country, aided by his oldest English friend.

Norwegian Bride

King Haakon first met Evans after the sailor, then a commander, had returned from his Antarctic expedition with Sir E. in 1912.

Sir Edward Evans has seen much service in Scandinavian waters and speaks Norwegian fluently.

In 1916, before he made his name world famous by defeating six German destroyers while in command of H.M.S. Broke, he again visited Norway.

There, at a dance in Oslo, he was introduced to the beautiful Elsa Andvord, known throughout Norway as "the Belle of Christiania." It was "love at first sight."

They were married in London. King Haakon was very happy that his friend chose a Norwegian bride.

Tommy Farr Not To Drive For 6 Months

Gloucester magistrates recently banned Tommy Farr, the heavy-weight boxer, from driving for six months. They found him guilty of dangerous driving fined him £10, and ordered him to pay £1 15s. costs.

Farr, whose address was given as Stratton-street, Mayfair, W., pleaded not guilty.

It was stated that on January 14, Farr, driving from London to Tonypandy in foggy weather, tried to overtake a lorry on the main Chalfont-Gloucester road, and collided with a small sports car.

Farr said that when he saw the car behind the lorry, but his car skidded on the icy road and the collision followed.



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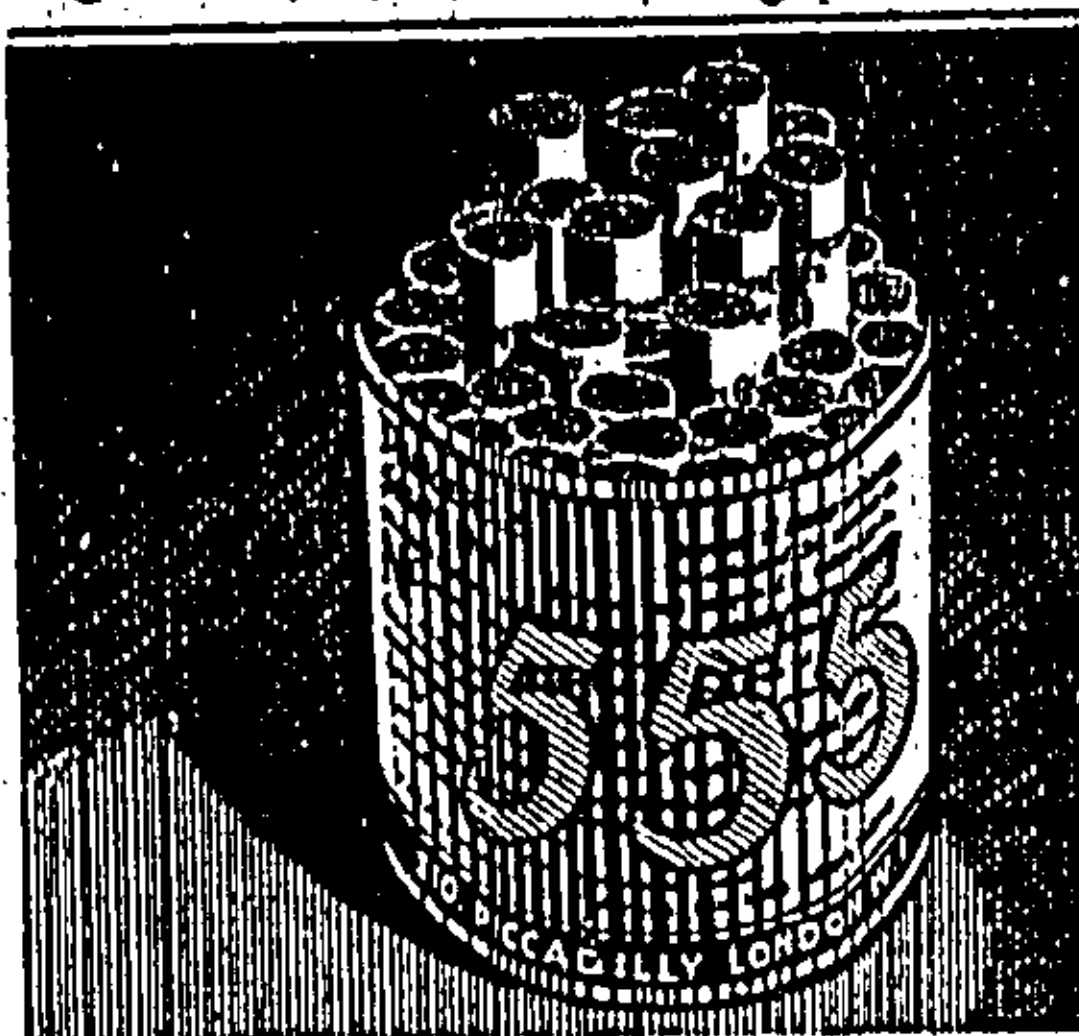
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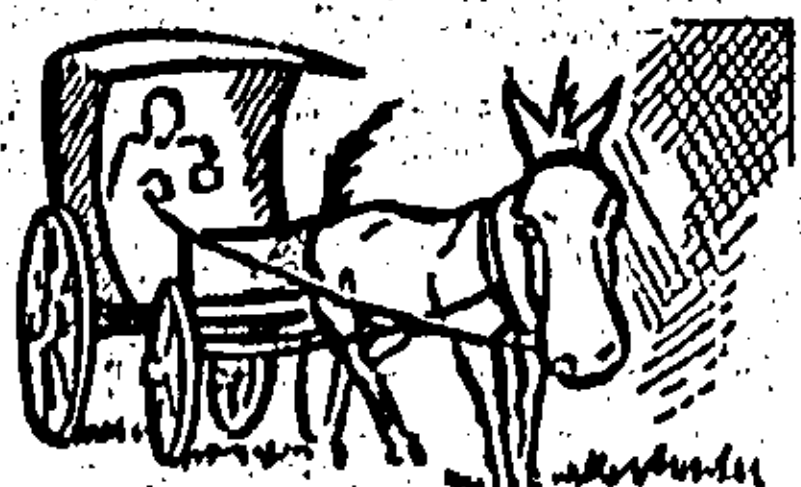
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The Choice Of Ruin

When the history of Herr Hitler is
written—it will record that no other
ruler refused so many opportunities
to avert ruin. The diplomacy over
each conquest has revolted the rest
of the world. There was doubtless
never any weakening in the Fuehrer's
purpose to hold fast every inch and
every creature that his aggression has
stolen. But to meet the uneasiness of
Germany it was necessary to find an
excuse in the responsibility of the
Allies. Calculations have been con-
founded by their determination to
redeem Europe from the fear of Nazi
brigandage. It remained to represent
this for German consumption—the
fare is elsewhere, inedible—as
sabotage of peace. Never can the
honour of the Reich, we are told,
permit the surrender of any of the
plunder of Poland, Czechoslovakia,
Austria, Scandinavia and the Low-
lands.

The honour of the flag of the
Swastika is indeed dyed dark with
the blood of innocent victims of
massacres for which there can be no
atonement. It is the singular dis-
tinction of Hitlerism to combine with
brutality the most fatuous hypocrisy.
There have been many examples, but
even the living voice of the Fuehrer
Mankind knows only too well that
Germany is doing her best, as Berlin
proclaims, to create a "new order."
The nature of that new order has
revolted the conscience of civilisation
and leagued the great alliance of free-
dom against Hitlerism. Even in the
innermost circles of that faith they
should by now be tried of threaten-
ing dire attacks on Britain. No one
ever doubted the desire of the
Fuehrer and his cabal to wreck their
hated on all who oppose them. They
will assuredly do the world as much
damage as they can before they are
overthrown.

Boer War Rifles Found In Chapel

Eight rifles of a type used in the
Boer War were found in the fire-
place of a room at the Dalston
Methodist Mission Chapel, Mayfield-
road, Dalston, E. had not been used
for many years," said Mr. E. Watson,
who was in the room when the dis-
covery was made. "It was boarded
up, and when the boards were re-
moved the rifles were found stand-
ing on their butts at the back of the
chimney. They seem to have been there a
long time. The room is known as
the band room, and has been used
for many years by the mission band
for practice."

Hitler is following the Schlieffen Plan

By A Special Military
Correspondent

HITLER'S THRUST
through France is develop-
ing in two directions. It
follows the famous Schlieffen
Plan of 1914, an en-
veloping sweep on the right
flank.

(1) The German airmen
dropped parachute troops on
and around the air bases in
the North-west of Holland,
trying to seize them all, as
they did in the Norwegian
campaign.

(2) The German army ad-
vanced westward into South
Holland, between the Dutch
"waterline" and the Belgian
floodable area of La Campine.

Their objective was the North
Sea, and they reached it near
the island of Walcheren. Then
the strategic conception of the
German thrust was to turn
southwards, always holding the
North Sea on the flank of the
advancing armies.

By this manoeuvre the Ger-
mans hope to secure sea bases
only 120 miles from Harwich,
and also to turn the flank of the
Belgian defences.

IN 1914 the German com-
mander-in-chief Von Moltke,
pursuing the same plan, lost his
nerve and refused to take in
Holland in his sweep to the West.
German strategists have always
declared that error cost Ger-
many the last war.

Hitler accepts this criticism,
and he is resolved to secure his
right flank on the North Sea.

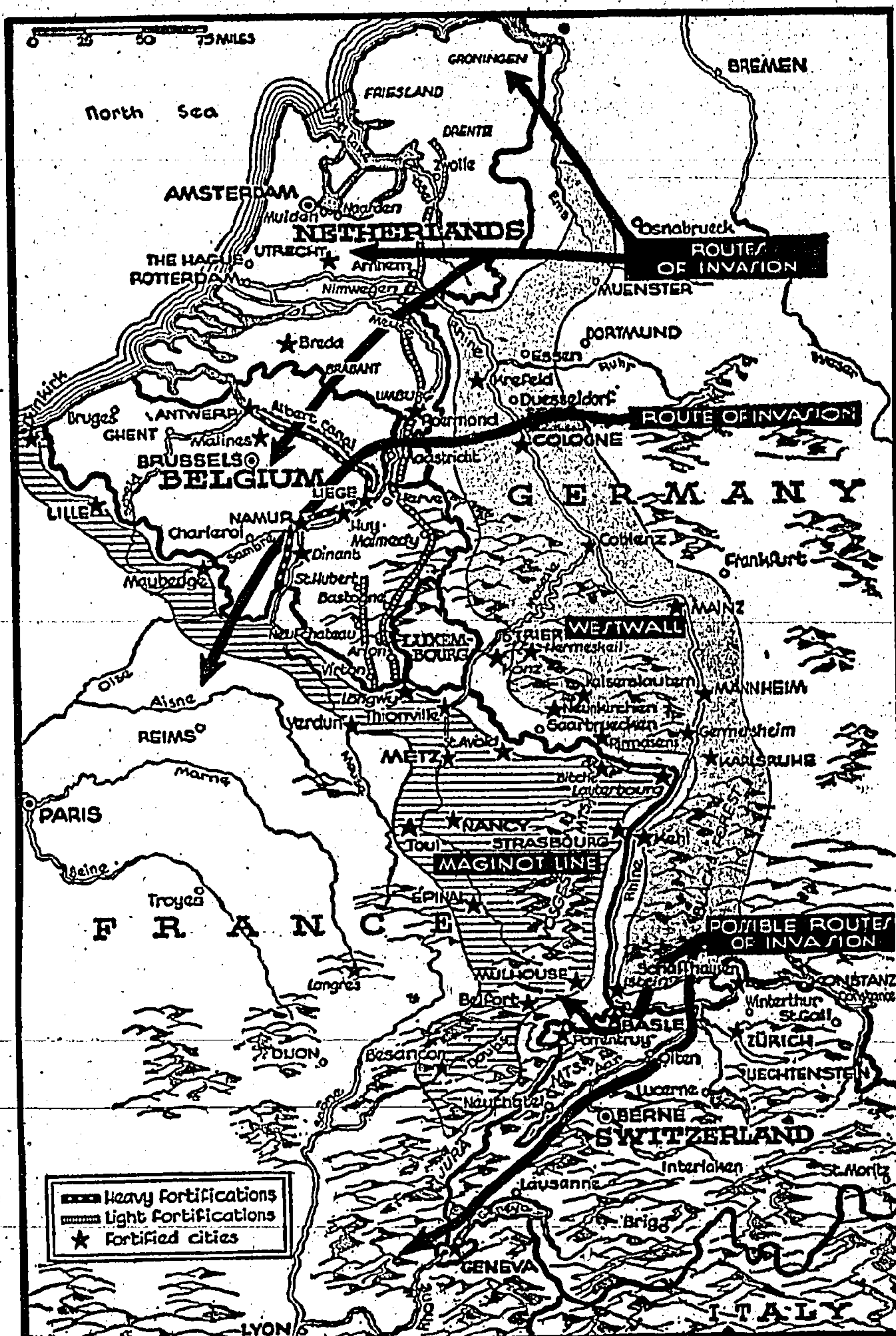
The Dutch had 700,000 men
mobilised. These troops were
equipped with machine-guns,
anti-tank, and light field artil-
lery. They lacked heavy
guns.

The Dutch always planned, in
the event of German invasion, to
retire beyond the "water line,"
which was flooded at 4 a.m. on
the morning of the invasion, in-
to old Holland, letting the Ger-
man thrust continue towards
Belgium.

They then intended, sustained
by the British Navy from the
coast, to harry the Germans
from the flank. But the Nazi
attack was like nothing the
world has known before, and
Holland crumbled in four days
after terrible losses.

THE Belgian defences were
threefold.

(a) The Albert Canal link-
ing the Scheldt Estuary and
the River Meuse; the fortress
area of Liege; and a pill-box



system running south through
the Ardennes forest to the far
end of Luxembourg.

(b) Concrete fortifications
running south from Antwerp
to the Meuse, and then behind
that river to the French fron-
tier.

(c) Trenches running west
from Antwerp to Ostend.

The Belgians have nearly one
million men under arms. They
are well trained and well equip-
ped, but without heavy tanks.
In fact, the Belgian army is a
defensive force.

We had to expect, therefore,
that the German thrust through
South Holland would separate

the Belgian and Dutch forces.

The Belgians then retired to-
wards the French frontier,
where they have now joined the
Allied forces.

MUCH depended on the speed and
strength with which the Allied armies
were able to advance north-east
through Belgium, seeking to forestall
the German thrust at the entrench-
ment, running west from Antwerp to
Ostend.

But the Nazi mechanised machine
was too swift and in a week we saw
the Germans coming first through
Belgium and even piercing the for-
tifications in France behind the Bel-
gian frontier, which the Allies have
spent the last eight months construct-
ing.

MEANWHILE the British and
French air forces are already in
action. It is unbelievable that the
Germans will be allowed to make use
of the majority of the Dutch and
Belgian airfields, captured, as in Nor-
way, by German Fifth Columnists.

So we see the German advance
hastened and bombed by Allied air-
planes, while we look for adequate
protection against hostile air attack.
Sea to the Alps. We shall see in a
few days, even a few hours, whether
he means to invade Switzerland.

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the shore of Lake Constance along
the river valley of the Aar, and
behind the screen of the Jura moun-
tains.

Such a thrust would be aimed over
the pass to Portarlier and south
towards Lyons, as well as through
Geneva and down the Rhone Valley
towards Marseilles.

In such a situation Italy might also
be tempted to move. The French
General Staff are bearing all these
considerations in mind, and are con-
fident of their own dispositions to
meet any emergency.

Dutch fields. He used these boats
in an attempt to get at the gold be-
fore the Dutch got it away.

As for the vast Dutch possessions
in the West Indies, they are secure
against hostile action. For the U.S.
fleet is on manoeuvres in that
vicinity.

THE Belgians are not so wealthy
as the Dutch. But the Belgians had
arranged, remembering the lessons
learned in 1914 when the Germans
captured valuable material in Brus-
sels, that all their movable assets in
the form of gold and securities should
be carried into France as soon as the
Germans crossed the frontier.

No doubt these plans are already
effected.

If Hitler is checked in his
tumultuous outburst to the West, if
he can be held even much nearer
to Paris, and if severe losses can
be inflicted on him, it is likely that
the battle now being waged will be
as decisive as the Battle of the
Marne.

ONE word in conclusion. The
bombing of Lyons indicates that
Hitler may be launching an attack
on the whole front, from the North
Sea to the Alps. We shall see in a
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The Dutch larder

THE conquest of Holland will
have two important effects on the
warring nations: 1. It will deprive
Britain of a small but important
source of food. 2. It will add to
Hitler's difficulties in feeding not
only his own people but those in
the conquered countries.

Holland is a country of 8,610,000
acres, of which about 6,000,000 acres
are producing some kind of food. It
has been a valuable corner of Brit-
ain's larder.

In peace-time it was not so im-
portant as Denmark, but during the
last six months Holland has sent
more and more food ships to Britain.
They carried bacon, butter, cheese,
condensed milk, and all sorts
of vegetables and fruits. Their car-
goes were worth about £18,000,000
a year.

HOLLAND, in peace-time, was
our fourth largest source of bacon,

we paid her about £2,500,000 a year
for it.

She was our fourth largest supplier
of cheese, and she came next to
Denmark as a supplier of eggs.
Every year we bought about 720,
000,000 eggs from the Dutch and paid
£2,000,000 for them.

Holland was our biggest supplier
of condensed milk and her exports of
dairy produce to Britain were worth
more than £8,500,000, a figure sur-
passed only by Australia, New Zea-
land and Denmark.

She sent us £2,200,000 worth of
tomatoes.

But, like Denmark, Dutch agricul-
tural production depends on the flow
of fertilisers and feeding stuffs from
abroad. Every year Holland needs
700,000 tons of cake, oils, and special
fodder for her cattle, maize for her
pigs, wheat for her chickens.

Britain can stop those supplies, and
Dutch food production will doubtless
tumble to a point where Holland will
not be able to feed her own people.

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(By "Birdie")

Cotton then played the match-winning shot that left him two feet from the pin, and Padgham, running four yards past the pin, failed to hole on the return, and was beaten. On the day's play, Cotton deserved

It was, however, only through the generosity of Mr. Ted Smith, a local sportsman, that this figure was reached. He gave £300 personally in order that Bristol might have the honour of making the sum one of

NEW YORK, May 21 (UP).—Promoters Nate Druzman and Mike Jacobs have conferred on the possibility of matching Al Hostak with the winner of Thursday's Garcia-Overlin Middleweight title fight.

THE FOLLOWING will represent the Hongkong Electric R.C. in a third Division lawn bowls league match against the Prison Officers' Club at North Point on Saturday, 3.30 p.m.:
A. G. Gardner, W. E. Macfarlane, W. H. B. Muskett and A. F. Paul.
A. P. Tarbuck, V. Sorby, S. Deacon and J. K. Sloan.
C. E. Gahagan, R. F. Gregory, G. T. Padgett and J. F. Lunny.
Reserve, W. E. Orchard.

SPORTS ADVTS.
THE HONG KONG
JOCKEY CLUB

THE SIXTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at **HAPPY VALLEY ON SATURDAY, 25th May, 1940**, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chills, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tifins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 219203).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

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Secretary
Hong Kong 20th May 1940

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A black and white movie poster for the film "The Under-Pup". The poster features a central rounded rectangle containing the title and cast list. Above the rectangle, four family members (three men and one woman) are shown from the chest up. To the right of the rectangle, three more family members (two women and one man) are shown. Below the rectangle, a dog is depicted. The background is dark with a light-colored border.

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There's one in every family!
 WITH
***BEULAH DONDI**
***VIRGINIA WEIDLER**
***MARGARET LINDSAY**
***C. AUBREY SMITH**
***BILLY GILBERT**
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***RAYMOND WALBURN**
***PAUL CAVANAGH**
***SAMUEL S. HINDS**
A. JOE PASTERNAK
PRODUCTION



A PROPOSITION that the Association postpone plans for building a Club house for the duration of the war and give funds to the B.W.O.F. was carried at the monthly meeting of the Referees' Association last night. A sum of \$500 was voted.

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Burnley beat Barrow 2-0 in the North-Western Section of the English Regional football leagues to-day.

Record Numbers For The Pairs And Rinks

A RECORD NUMBER of entries were received for both the Pairs and Rinks Championships of the Hongkong Lawn Bowls Association when the entries closed yesterday. Singles entries, however, were below the usual number.

Champions of all three sections are defending their titles.

U. M. Omar in the Singles, H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro in the Pairs, and F. Machado, C. M. Silva, J. F. V. Ribeiro and F. X. Silva in the Rinks.

Police—W. Harris, W. Davies; E. G. Post, A. E. Carey, W. Glendinning, J. Glendinning, MacDonald, Aitken.
Huddell.
Hongkong Football Club—J. S. Howden
C. Craig, Watson, J. H. Gordon, J. L. Graham.
A. Brodie, James, G. Gill, G. Duncan.
Electric Club—F. Paul, J. K. Sloan.
Rearguard—G. McLean, J. McLeary, C. Pereira, J. C. Remedios, O. P. Remedios.

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 Omar, J. G. Howard
 Way, A. J. Coelho, A. W. Phelps, U. M.
 Omar, A. M. Omar, W. J. Penny, A. C.
 Coates, W. Hong Hing, L. C. R. Souza
 A. M. Rumsahn, K. M. Omar, R. Bass, J.
 S. Landolt

Alex Kyle, first among the amateurs, photographed with his brother at Haylake.

to win if only for that last stroke for it was a tremendous battle—great test of nerves—and worthy of two great players.

Cotton was one up at the end of the first round, principally through good putting, and he and Padgha

ENTRIES

Kowloon Tong.—Y. H. Tang, J. N. Wong,
C. Mose, W. J. Howard; A. E. H. Castle,
V. N. Atienza.

OPEN RINKS
Prison Officers.—A. W. Hircock, J. Fitzgerald, S. Hodge, W. J. Bagley, G. Cowland, J. W. Hudson, J. McCutcheon, A. J. Jillett, C. Post, W. Cameron.

Police.—E. G. Ross, J. A. Perkins, A. E. Carey, N. B. Fraser, J. Macdonald, R. Mackenzie, W. E. Hollan, W. McLeod, W. S. Dall, J. Orem, J. S. Fender, D. H. Taylor, W. Harris, Soutar, J. C. Aitken.
Football Club.—J. S. Howell, A.

Hodges, N. J. Hebbington, A. Brooksbank
J. I. Barnes, F. D. Angus, J. Watson,
H. Gelling.
Nacarello—J. C. Remedios, C. C. Perel
O. P. Remedios, E. de Sousa; F.
Michado, C. M. Silva, J. F. Silva

Ribeiro, F. X. M. da Silva, M. J. S.
A. M. Rodrigues, F. V. V. Ribeiro, H.
Alves; C. G. Silva, J. E. Noronha, C.
Lopes, A. F. Noronha; D. C. Alves,
M. Xavier, C. M. S. Alves, C. Rosa Pe-
reira; M. F. Alarcón, F. A. Xavier, H.
Silva, A. A. Guterres, J. A. Luz.

de Botelho, U. A. C. A. P. Gutierrez.
 Busto, A. N. Other, A. P. Gutierrez.
 Indians, K. M. Rurnjahn, U. A. Rurnjahn.
 jahn, A. M. Rurnjahn, S. M. Rurnjahn.
 J. Hoosen, A. Bakar, A. H. Minu, A.
 Minu, A. R. Suffiad, A. S. Suffiad, A.
 Imail, M. K. Abbas, D. M. Khan, A.

Rumfahn, M. Y. Adal, A. H. Dallan.
Kowloon Deck—M. Ferguson, T. Co
man, R. Morrison, J. McKelvis; A. Lapale
H. H. Lapaley, R. Lapaley, F. Cullen.
Kowloon F.C.—A. Eastman, W. Simpson
P. Younghusband, V. Chittenden; J. G
W. M. Atkinson, W.

son, H. Huguenot, V. N. Atkinson, J. Field.

Kawilson B.G.C.—F. A. Cheerman, G. F. Thompson, J. C. Gill, A. M. Hollar, W. L. Walker, H. White, A. Hyde-Land, J. Hall; G. W. Elphick, C. E. Langley, J. Hammond, L. A. Jordan; A. C.

man, W. Hubbard, J. C. Brown, R. Du
can; R. P. Phillips, A. Bower, J. E. H
son, G. H. Sherriff; A. Morton, H
Draw, E. A. Atkins, W. Harrower;
Sykes, H. J. Bicknell, G. W. Deacon,
G. Meyer.

Talkcoo, F. Hillson, J. Wald, W. F. Sea
T. F. Stalnton; W. Melrose, R. Main,
Munro, J. C. Chalmers; C. Bowald,
Grimes, J. A. Watson, R. M. Keown,
Civil Service, M. E. Purvis, W. J. B
ling, W. R. Hillier, M. N. Rakusen;
G. H. Strange, C. Strange

L. Strange, S. H. Strange, J. Deak
E. Strange, E. W. Simmonds, J. Deak
A. Grimmer, J. J. Jones, C. J. Walker
H. Lord, A. Steven, S. L. Eccleshall
Gellatly, J. Skinner, L. A. Collyer, J.
McGowan
Rowe, Y. C. Labrum, J. W.

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C. Moss, Jr. A. Castro, Jr. Quinn A. Datto

No cause for alarm, Cooper declares

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Mr. Duff Cooper, Minister of Information, in a broadcast to-night declared that the news is grave, but there is no cause for serious alarm, still less for panic.

By the successful employment of a new technique, small bodies of the German army have succeeded in penetrating a great distance. But they are small bodies, and the army of Britain and the far greater army of France are still there. They are neither in retreat, nor have they suffered heavy loss.

It is impossible to understand what is happening while the battle is still in progress. We hear that one vantage point has been gained, another lost, another regained; and out of these scraps of news imagination is inclined to build vast structures of conjecture.

Three Undisputed Facts

"Three facts alone can be definitely stated. Firstly, the present objective of the enemy is the Channel ports, from where he hopes to launch war upon this island.

"Secondly, small parts of his mechanised troops have succeeded in eluding their opponents, in advancing great distances, and coming near to their objective.

"Thirdly, the armies of England and France are undefeated. In enormously superior numbers they occupy the battlefield and the counter-attack, when it comes, should prove formidable.

"The swaying fortunes of the fight matter little. It is the end of the battle that counts, and, as I told you last week-end, the end of this battle, whatever it may be, cannot entail the defeat of Great Britain and France in war. "Meanwhile, it is the old story which has been told over and over again, and which nevertheless always comes as a surprise to everyone. The sudden advance, the unexpected weight of the attack, the initial gains, are far greater than were expected. It is the story of August, 1914 and March, 1918, and let us hope it will find the same ending.

Close To Our Shores

"Meanwhile, it is for each one of us to play our part. The battle is being brought close to our shores, so that each and everyone of us is taking part in it. Therefore we are all soldiers, and as such must acquire ourselves.

The first quality of a soldier is courage, a quality in which I am confident we shall not be found lacking. "Let me repeat to you a warning against the cancer of rumor. I have experienced a good example of it myself this afternoon. "It was told by a perfectly reliable and truthful reporter that the Premier of France had said that nothing but a miracle could save his country. I could hardly believe so stalwart a fighter as Mr. Reynaud had said anything of the sort, but I am afraid I repeated to several people what I had been told, and it was not until I came to read the actual account that I found he had said something quite different.

What He Really Said

"His message was one of supreme confidence: he firmly announced his faith that nothing could defeat the united forces of the French Republic and the British Empire, and he added that if to-morrow, or at some future date any faith-heard person were to come to him and say that nothing but a miracle could save France, he would feel confident that the miracle would be performed because he had faith in the salvation of France.

"I think these grave events will not, indeed they have already acted as a tonic to the nation. I find wherever I go a calm spirit of inflexible determination.

A Different Commons "The House of Commons this afternoon was a very different assembly from what it was before Whitton. It reminded me of the words of Macaulay: 'Then none was for a Party, and all were for the state.' Our old party differences, which have often been so bitter in the past and may be so in the future, had been laid aside as playthings for which we had no longer any use. Something of so much greater importance had taken their place. There was only one sentiment in the mind of all—a united Commons, united as perhaps it had never been for the danger is so great and so close.

Mr. Duff Cooper concluded by saying: 'We here, behind the line must play our part as worthily as those who are keeping watch to-night in the front line, or those who may spring to the attack at dawn to-morrow.

"Let them tell you that behind their steady lines there exists the vast reserve of a calm and faithfully united people."

Determined Nation

Eager Response To Mr. Morrison's Call

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The call of Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Supply, to the nation to put its last ounce of strength into the production of arms and the nation's response has formed the theme of many editorials to-day in the British press.

In the past few days, says the "News Chronicle", there has been an upward surge of determination. Everyone feels that the new government is getting right down to the job of fighting the war with the last ounce of strength.

Will To Win

The will to win is striking. Workers believe that they will get a fair deal. There has never been such solidarity as in Britain to-day. The Labour "Daily Herald" says that the Cabinet will hear the views of its Labour members and the Labour M.P.s must interpret this to the nation.

The "Daily Mail" calls for a 24 hour day for war industries. One shift system in armament factories must be abolished.

The vested interests of capital or labour must not be allowed to hamper the war effort—in the rapidly approaching situation in which the whole life of the country may have to be conscripted.

The "Manchester Guardian" says the most serious inadequacy has been the mobilisation of man power.

Mr. Bevin, the new Labour Minister, has done much to secure the co-operation of the Unions and to hasten the co-ordination of all branches of national service.

Unbreakable Alliance

"New York Times" On Britain & France

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The "New York Times" in an editorial, says: "Germany is trying to divide France from Britain physically as German diplomacy has previously sought to separate the two Allies spiritually.

"Of one thing we may be certain: the alliance between France and Britain is unbreakable. Both people have a stubborn loyalty, both have a courage which is never more magnificently displayed than in the hour of great trial, both are clear-eyed enough to see that they would be next inevitable victims of the German fury if either of them could be isolated and then defeated through the ability of the German Army to throw its full strength in one direction or other.

Too Solid To Be Broken "In a union too solid to be broken either by terror of total war or the offer of a treacherous peace, the two nations battle for democracy and freedom.

The "Gothenburg Goleborgsposten" says: "The situation changes to the Allies' advantage in the same degree that the German armoured divisions spread. Then it is not before the Allies' chance comes. General Weygand certainly knows when to grasp the chance."

ANTI-SABOTEURS GO ON DUTY

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The Chatham division of the local defence organisations, which have been formed in Britain to deal with parachute and other saboteurs, went on active duty last night after being inspected by General Brownrigg, their commander.

In the Channel Islands, Jersey has decided to set up a similar organisation.

SITUATION IN CHINA

Mr. Butler Says No Material Change

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Robert Gibson asked the Government to make a statement regarding the political situation in China.

Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said there had been no recent change of importance. Some fighting, in which both sides claimed successes, had taken place in Central China. He understood that there had been no interruptions of missionary activities in the province of Shensi. Any steps to afford alternative medical and educational facilities provided by the missionary bodies in Shensi and other Japanese-occupied areas were supplementary to, and were in no way intended to replace those provided by the State.

Hospitals Re-Opened

Mr. Butler added that a number of hospitals were recently re-opened and that it was hoped that further progressive improvements would occur. Mr. J. Davidson, of the Opposition, asked if British policy was regarding this matter was one of complete neutrality, and if so, would the Minister keep in mind what Mr. Winston Churchill had said with regard to neutrality?

Mr. Butler expressed his inability to follow all Mr. Davidson's insinuations but he could say that our policy was to secure improvements wherever possible. Davidson remarked that the Chinese Embassy claimed that they recently won one of the greatest victories in the war. Mr. Butler, "Yes, Mr. Quo Tai-chi communicated to us recently certain reports of that character."

LATEST BRITISH CASUALTY LIST

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—A total of 724 names—88 officers and 636 other ranks—appear in War Office Casualty List No. 4.

The largest number under the various classifications appear under the heading, "Died," namely 41 officers and 625 men. The list includes five women who died on service.

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The Minister of Health is arranging a reciprocal pool of civilian nursing services so that they can be sent to any part of the country where the need arises.

"Incredible Mistakes" Will Be Punished

—Reynaud

PARIS, May 21 (Reuter).—France and England cannot be beaten. They cannot die, declared M. Paul Reynaud when he addressed the Senate to-day.

"If people say to me 'a miracle is needed to save France' I would say I believe in miracles. I believe in France.

"Since this morning Arras and Amiens have been occupied by the Germans."

Referring to the collaborations between himself, Marshal Petain and General Weygand, M. Reynaud said, "We must have confidence in our great leaders, our soldiers and our airmen.

Country in Danger

"The country is in danger and I shall tell the Senate and the nation the truth. "The French divisions are not numerous on the Meuse. "The better troops have been sent to Belgium.

"By reason of incredible mistakes, which will be punished, the bridges over the Meuse were not blown up."

M. Reynaud spoke with great frankness regarding the serious position in which France and the Allies find themselves.

The Premier was supported by his Cabinet including Marshal Petain, M. Daladier and M. Chautau. After declaring that Arras and Amiens were in the hands of the Germans, M. Reynaud said, "Belgium, Luxembourg and Holland having been invaded, the enemy unleashed a formidable attack upon the French Army at Sedan."

"Our divisions were not numerous on the Meuse which was defended by troops under General Corpas. "The infiltration of the Meuse is easy for mobile troops."

Army's Disorganisation "The Premier spoke of 'disorganisation' of the Army under General Corpas.

When he mentioned the name of Marshal Petain, however, the Senate called out "at last." They rose from their seats and applauded the victor of Verdun.

Continuing, M. Reynaud said that having made a breach, the enemy's motorised divisions went through. The German advance, he said, had continued and since this morning Arras and Amiens had been occupied.

Our traditional conception of how war is waged had been thrown down for a new one—motorised 'kicks' in depth and parachutes. He then reminded the House of 1914 and said, "We ended by gaining the upper hand after our first reverses. Every man and every woman must understand the greatness of the hour in which we are living. May certain people not understand it too late. "Two men who had the right to rest on their laurels have placed themselves at the service of the country—General Weygand and Marshal Petain."

Mine-Layer Sunk: 33 Missing

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that the mine-layer Princess Victoria (Captain J. B. E. Hall) was sunk by an enemy mine.

The Commanding Officer, two officers and 31 ratings are missing, and it is feared that they have lost their lives.

Squeezing Out Our Interests

Questions in Commons About Tientsin

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. I. C. Hannah asked whether the Japanese authorities in Tientsin own seven-eighths of the capital, of the transport lorry companies to which they have granted a monopoly.

He asked whether for the movement of goods into and out of the British Concession \$15 an hour is charged for the hire of a lorry.

Lord Halifax Enquiring

He also asked whether those lorries were deliberately detained at the barriers for from a day to two weeks until sufficient revenue had been earned to satisfy the Japanese military authorities; the amount being determined in advance by the nature and value of the cargo.

He asked if the Under-Secretary would call the attention of the Japanese Government to this injustice in the British interests.

Mr. R. A. Butler replied that Lord Halifax was causing enquiries to be made.

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—General Maxime Weygand, with the all-embracing title of Commander-in-Chief of All Allied Armies in all Theatres of War, has superseded General Gamelin, whose previous post has been suppressed.

PARACHUTE TROOPS IN ACTION

Play Big Part In Somme Attack

PARIS, May 21 (Reuter).—Parachute troops, armed with incendiary equipment and explosives, appear to have taken a leading part in a strong German attack launched north of the Somme late this afternoon and during the night, according to reports received here.

They made immediately for road junctions, stations and bridges as well as for public buildings.

Must Have Assistance

It is pointed out that such troops, dropped in large numbers as was the case last night, may create a serious situation. However, they cannot carry out their occupation without the help of considerable ground forces, especially infantry.

Last night's attack seems to have been aimed rather at weakening the Allied resistance than in obtaining an immediately decisive result.

The ground part of the attack was led by motor cyclists and light armoured units boldly launched westward.

TREACHERY BILL TO BE PASSED

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister in the House of Commons said the Treachery Bill will pass all stages to-morrow.

Viscount Caldecote in the House of Lords stated that it will pass all stages there on May 23.



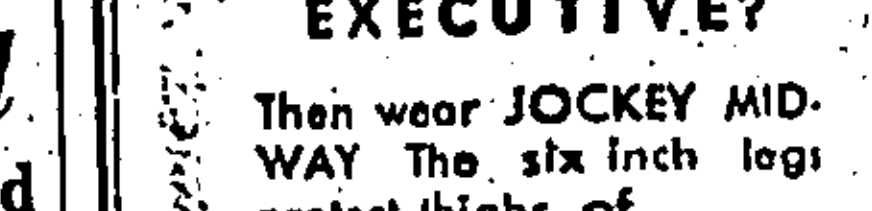
Then you'll like the sleek, brief Jockey Short—the young chap's favorite.



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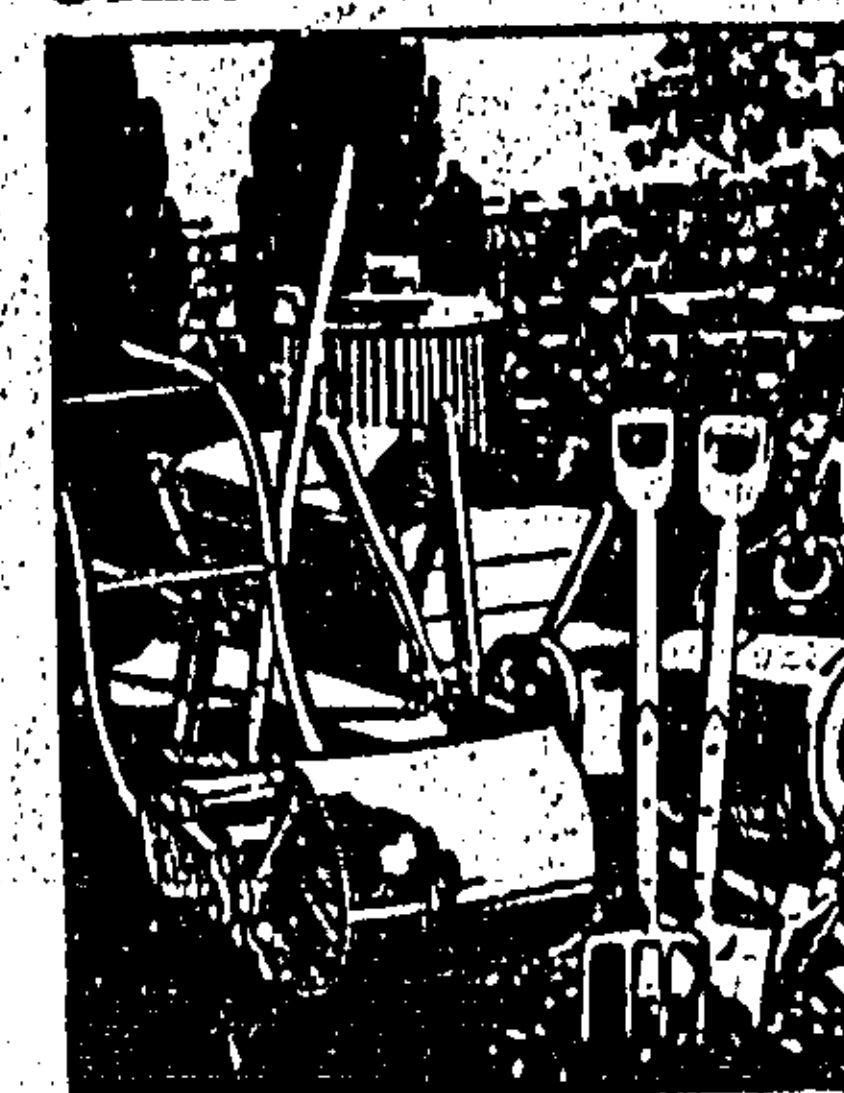
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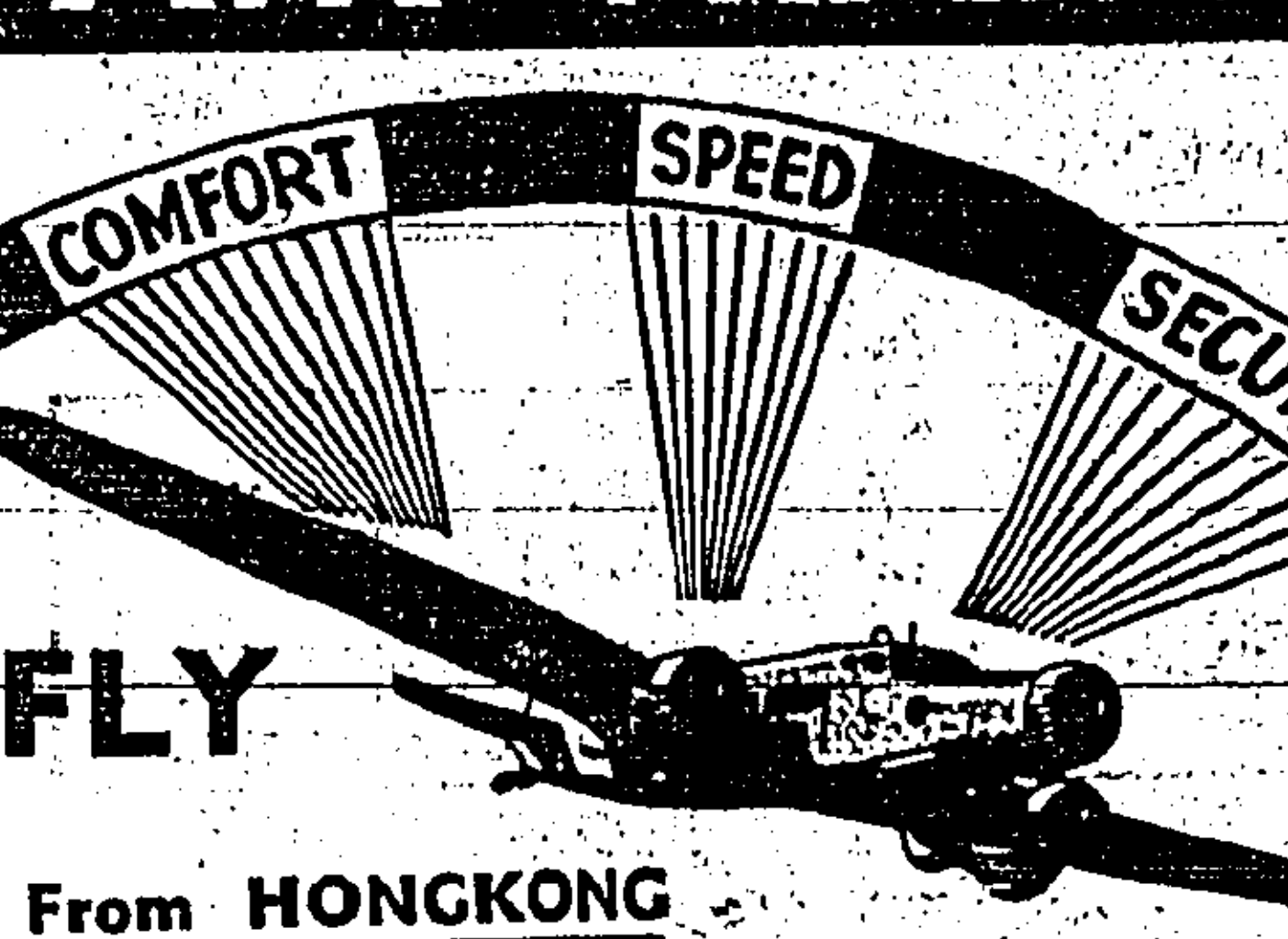
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Author Gave Up Writing to Bring Up a Girl

MR. THEODORE F. POWYS, the brilliant author and short-story writer—honoured in the Civil List just published—told his wife seven years ago: "This is the end of my writing. I have a more important job to do now."

He said those words on the day that his two-months-old adopted daughter Susan was carried into his red-brick cottage in the village of East Chaldon, near Dorchester. "I shall devote all my time to her," he added. "She shall have all that I can give her."

Mr. Powys kept his word. Publishers beseeched "the natural successor to Hardy," as he was called.

But the author of "Mr. Weston's Good Wine," one of the best-sellers of 1928, wrote but rarely. "I'm too busy with Susan," he always said.

Then, two years ago, he had a stroke, and has been bed-ridden ever since.

Now it is Susan—a fair-haired, blue-eyed, laughing child—who devotes her time to him. She reads to him every day.

Recently she rushed upstairs to congratulate him on his honour. He receives a supplementary pension of £40 a year in recognition of his work.

Mrs. Powys said: "My husband loved Susan from the first moment that he saw her. Writing no longer seemed to matter to him. He always said that she was far more important."

He Was Her Teacher

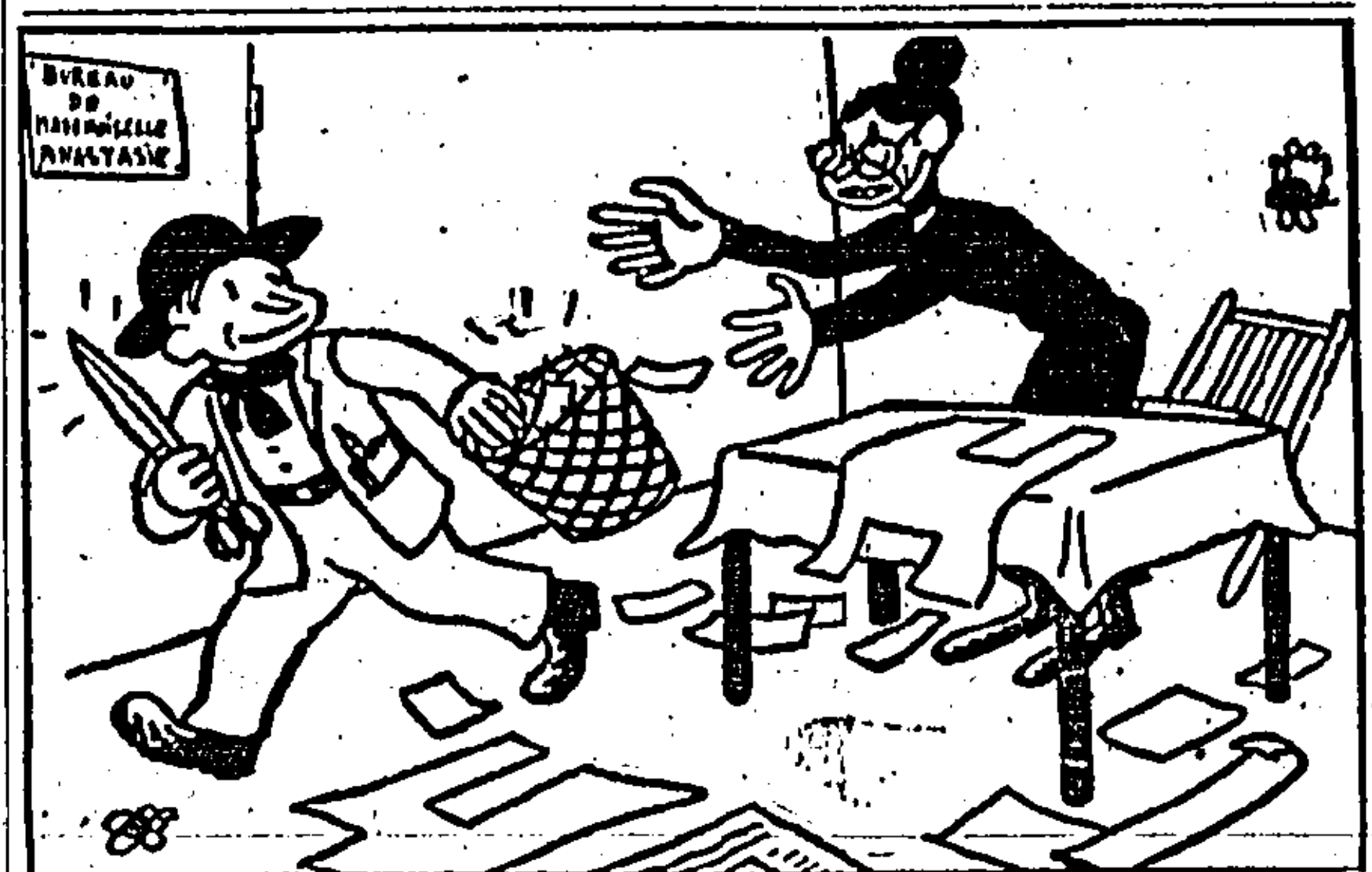
She told how he taught Susan to read and write, how he would take her for walks and play with her for hours.

"When he had the stroke," she said, "Susan said that she would read to him every day and tell him all that was happening outside."

"We sent her to a boarding school, but she is a rather nervous,

delicate child and it did not suit her. Now she is back at home with us. She is being taught by Miss Muntz, a sculptress in the village, and she is very happy. She reads to my husband for a little time every day and it cheers him up a lot.

"She has started writing stories and she shows them to him. I do not know what we should do without Susan."



U.S. RUSHING NEW FLEET

WASHINGTON, May 21 (Reuter).—All United States Navy establishments have been ordered to speed up defence preparations by working additional shifts and by increasing the civilian shipbuilding forces by at least 15,000 within three months.

Sixty-six warships, including eight battleships, are at present under construction or are projected.

KING RECEIVES PREMIER

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace to-night.

His Majesty also received General Sir Edmund Ironside, Chief of Imperial General Staff, in audience at Buckingham Palace.

Maintenance Charge

Carlos Pascos Rissola Rocha, of 29, Ashley Road, second floor, was summoned before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The summons was issued by his wife, Linbanira Rocha, of 83, Sai Yee Street, 3rd floor.

She charges her husband with desertion from March 1934 and failing to provide reasonable maintenance from March 1, 1940.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the complainant and asked for a week's remand.

Duke Of Gloucester On "Urgent Duty"

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Major-General the Duke of Gloucester arrived in London on Tuesday night from France on urgent duty.

He visited the War Office early this morning.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands also arrived from France on Tuesday evening.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: Enquiries on a moderately extensive scale came into the market during the day. Some bargains were acquired, but at the close scrip was not quite so plentiful.

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H.K. Banks \$1,310
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Humphreys \$8
Trams \$10½
China Lights (Old) \$6.80

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Sir Wilfred Greene, Master of the Rolls, has left for Rome in order to renew his contacts with the Italian Government. He is Chairman of the British delegation to the Joint Anglo-Italian Economic Committee, which was constituted under the outbreak of war to provide machinery for discussion of economic matters.

Dove On Pope's Throne Greets Honeymooners

A white dove, flying through the open window, settled on the red velvet hangings of the Pope's Throne while his Holiness was addressing 800 newly-married couples.

The Pope had just taken his place, says Reuter, when the dove, one of many which often enter the Hall of Benediction in the Vatican, fluttered through one of the great windows opening on St. Peter's square.

It soared above the Papal Throne throughout the Pope's address and only flew off after the Benediction had been given.

The honeymoon couples were delighted at such an augury and many recalled that a white dove figures in the coat of arms of Pope Pius XII.

Girls Keep Military Tradition

WHEN the war came Mr. and Mrs. William Faragher, of Clinton-place, West Derby, Liverpool, had a problem. How to continue the Faragher tradition for military service with no sons?

Mr. Faragher served nineteen and a half years in the West Lancashire Regiment and his father had been with the West Lancs Volunteers for twenty-nine years. But this time it looked as if the West Lancs would have to do without a Faragher.

Mr. and Mrs. Faragher, however, had not counted on their three daughters, Mona, twenty-five, a librarian; Nora, twenty, a florist; and Anita, nineteen, an art-shop assistant. All three joined the West Lancs, section of the A.T.S.—and the Faragher tradition was saved.

In One Camp

Mona, smallest of the trio, threw up her job when Nora and Anita were in khaki, saying she was joining up to look after her two sisters.

All three are now stationed at a Southern Command camp and are members of the camp concert party.

One good turn the war has done the sisters is to bring them in touch with a cousin whom they had not seen before. He is in the Canadian Air Force and stationed near the girls' camp.

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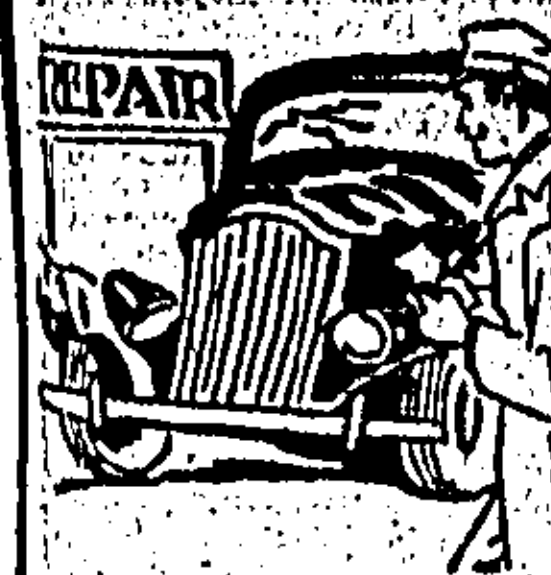
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NEAR LE TORQUET

The Germans are completing their encircling movement in the drive to Abbeville and thence up the coast to Le Torquet. They may reach Le Torquet at any hour.

5,000,000 Refugees In Distress

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, May 21. (UP).—The Director of American Red Cross activities in Europe has cabled Washington headquarters, stating that five million French and Belgian refugees are making tremendous inroads on France's food supplies. "It is impossible to exaggerate the refugee problem," he cabled.

"The impact on all food supplies is staggering. The plight of large numbers of refugee children who have been lost or orphaned is indescribably poignant."

NAZI TROOPS BOMBED

Shattering R.A.F. Attacks

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The Air Ministry announces that yesterday morning Blenheim aircraft made a successful attack on armoured vehicles in the Arras and Cambrai area.

In the afternoon, heavy bombing attacks were made in the Arras and Bapaume area. All our aircraft returned. During the night, a large force of R.A.F. bombers attacked troop concentrations in the Cambrai, Le Cateau and St. Quentin area.

Continuous Engagements In the forest of Nouvion, north of the Aisne, a successful attack was made on enemy troops and several large fires were started.

From these operations five of our aircraft failed to return. To-day, our bomber and fighter aircraft were continuously engaged in operations over a confused fighting front in Belgium and northern France.

Repeated Attacks

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—German troops moving over the battlefield of Arras, Bapaume, St. Quentin and Cambrai were subjected to repeated attacks by R.A.F. aircraft through Monday night, states the Air Ministry Air Service.

Tanks, armoured cars, troop transports and other reinforcements were vigorously attacked. A section of Blenheim bombers located and attacked a mile-long procession of motor transport. One aircraft, becoming aware of

PLEASE Turn To Page 2.

Italy Will Not Wait

To Strike Before
Decisive Hour

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, May 21 (UP).—Germany's envoy, General von Epp, was received by Mussolini at the Palace of Venice to-day. Signor Ansaldi, writing in "Il Telegrafo," the organ of the Italian Foreign Office, declares that Italy will take action before victory is certain on either side.

"Italy will move before the decisive hour," he writes. "She will act before the fate of the new Europe is fixed. The hour is approaching in which, with our own means, we will reach our objectives."

Press Campaign

ROME, May 21 (UP).—The Italian Press still continues the campaign against Britain and France. Allegations of British repressive measures fill the "Messaggero" and "Tevere."

The Belgrade correspondent of "Popolo di Roma" describes heightening tension in Yugoslavia and states that Yugo-Slav troops are concentrating in the Hungarian sector of the frontier.

War Fever Mounts

ROME, May 21 (Reuter).—The cumulative effect of "Now or Never" propaganda is preparing the man in the street for what many regard as an inevitable decision—for many now believe that Italy's entry into the war is only a question of days.

The war atmosphere has been heightened by the increased air activity in all principal centres. Troops in field kit were marching through Rome to-day.

Gibraltar Evacuation

GIBRALTAR, May 21 (Reuter).—Women and children are being evacuated from Gibraltar. The first batches are leaving to-day and to-morrow for French Morocco.

It is officially announced that the Governor has received instructions from the War Cabinet to the effect that owing to the international situation, the evacuation of women and children from Gibraltar would be compulsory forthwith at the Governor's discretion.

A separate announcement states that there is no need for anxiety regarding the intentions of Spain, which has reiterated her strict neutrality.

King Of Thai Leaves

BANGKOK, May 22 (UP).—It is reported here that the King of Thailand is leaving Switzerland very soon and going to the south of France. There he will plan his future movements, either to return to Thailand or go to America.

Frontier Closed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SKOPIJE, May 22 (Domel).—The Italian Government has issued an order closing the Yugo-Slavian frontier.

Hitler's triumph in separating the French and British armies is now recognised by the Allied Supreme Command as being due to, firstly, the superiority of German air power and, secondly, to the perfection and speed of the tanks.

The German tanks possess mobility, fire-power and resistance which the Allied believed impossible.

Bombers operating with the German ground troops sowed fire and ruin along the lines of communication.

BATTLE NOT YET FOUGHT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WITH THE GERMAN ARMIES, May 21 (UP).—General von Reicheneau, Commander of the Sixth German Army, told foreign correspondents at his Headquarters to-day that the decisive battle of the war had yet to be fought.

So far, he admitted, the encounters had been only "preliminary."

"We have won the first trick," he said. "But we have yet to meet the main body of the enemy."

BIG ALLIED ARMIES

France and Britain, he said, had two Army Corps drawn up against the German salients.

He asserted that German losses totalled less than one-tenth of the number of prisoners taken.

"Germany has no illusions about the war, and we are not indulging in any unjustifiable celebrations in advance," General von Reicheneau concluded.

"We know the great battle must come."

BACK TO THE WALL

By RICHARD McMILLAN
UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT

WITH THE B.E.F., May 22 (UP).—The British Expeditionary Force has its back to the wall in the great Battle for the Channel Ports.

The Germans are rapidly completing their drive towards the coast, which they are endeavouring to reach at a point between Abbeville and Le Touquet.

If and when this movement is completed, the British forces in the north will be cut off from the French forces in the south, with the British in possession of a triangle from Ostend, Valenciennes and from Valenciennes to Boulogne.

The British forces in this sector, therefore, will have no alternative but to face the enemy in the north, the east and the south in an attempt to hold the only retreat to the Channel in the west—the ports of Calais, Boulogne, Ostend and Dunkirk.

Systematic Arson

The official French analysis of yesterday's operations states that the rapid German advance was made possible with systematic arson in the entire region west of Cambrai.

Incendiary bombs were dropped on a massive scale in the Arras, Amiens and other important French towns being swept from end to end by flames.

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General Not A Prisoner Another German Canard Denied

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 21 (UP).—Military sources state that General Giraud, several times, escaped capture.

The enemy found his radio transmitter and that the French have had no news from him.

They are confident that neither he nor his staff have been taken



Death Penalty For Enemy Parachutists

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 21 (UP).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Churchill announced that all stages of the Trenchery Bill—whereby the death penalty will be inflicted on parachutists landing in civilian clothes—will be heard on Wednesday.

Simultaneously all stages are to be taken in a Bill amending the National Service and Armed Forces Act which will make legal the status of "parashooters"—anti-parachutist contingents.

FAITH IN ALLIES

London Press Not
Pessimistic

LONDON, May 22 (Reuter).—While not concealing the critical phase of the military situation, newspapers express absolute faith in the determination of the nation to face with stoicism the struggle ahead, however hard it may be.

All are convinced that final victory will be brought about by this grim determination, backed by every ounce of energy.

The determination of the French people is also seen in M. Reynaud's speech which is described as courageous and realistic.

Lot Prospect So Faced.

The "Daily Telegraph" says: "Let the prospect be faced. Our country is now close to the front of battle. We shall know how to endure the worst that may come, defy it and strike back with increasing power."

M. Reynaud's declaration that France would fight on to the end is answered by equal resolution in Great Britain. We are also unshaken in our confidence that the two great united nations and empires arrayed behind them cannot be beaten."

The "Times" says: "It is well that we should contemplate the black side. Hope never need be abandoned in war while forces remain in being."

Virtue In Frankness

Referring to M. Reynaud's account of the mistakes on the Meuse, the "Times" says: "There is virtue in its very frankness and it does not

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WHOLESALE MURDER

Pres. Roosevelt And
Nazi Tactics

WASHINGTON, May 21 (Reuter).

At the Press conference to-day, President Roosevelt said enemy planes were sweeping down the roads of France with machine guns wide open, taking a death toll of refugees the like of which has never been seen before.

He thought the United States would realise the implications of that method of warfare.

Three Points of Policy

The President enunciated three points of policy in connection with the general discussion of the defence programme:

(1) Not a single war millionaire as the result of the war disaster ahead.

(2) Labour should not seek to take advantage of the current emergency situation.

(3) The Government proposed in no way to weaken the social gains made in the past two years.

5,000,000 Evacuees In Flight

With reference to the word "implication," President Roosevelt did not reveal what he thought the implication should be, but declared that the United States was pretty well united in the current situation.

The faster the news came from Europe the more united the American people became.

The President added that 5,000,000 women and children were fleeing southward in France along a 200-mile front, using every available road, mostly afoot or in carts, with many enemy planes gunning them.

President Roosevelt made a very deep impression even on the hard-boiled Pressmen with his quiet-but obviously heart-felt denunciation of the German machine-gunning of fleeing French women, children and old men.

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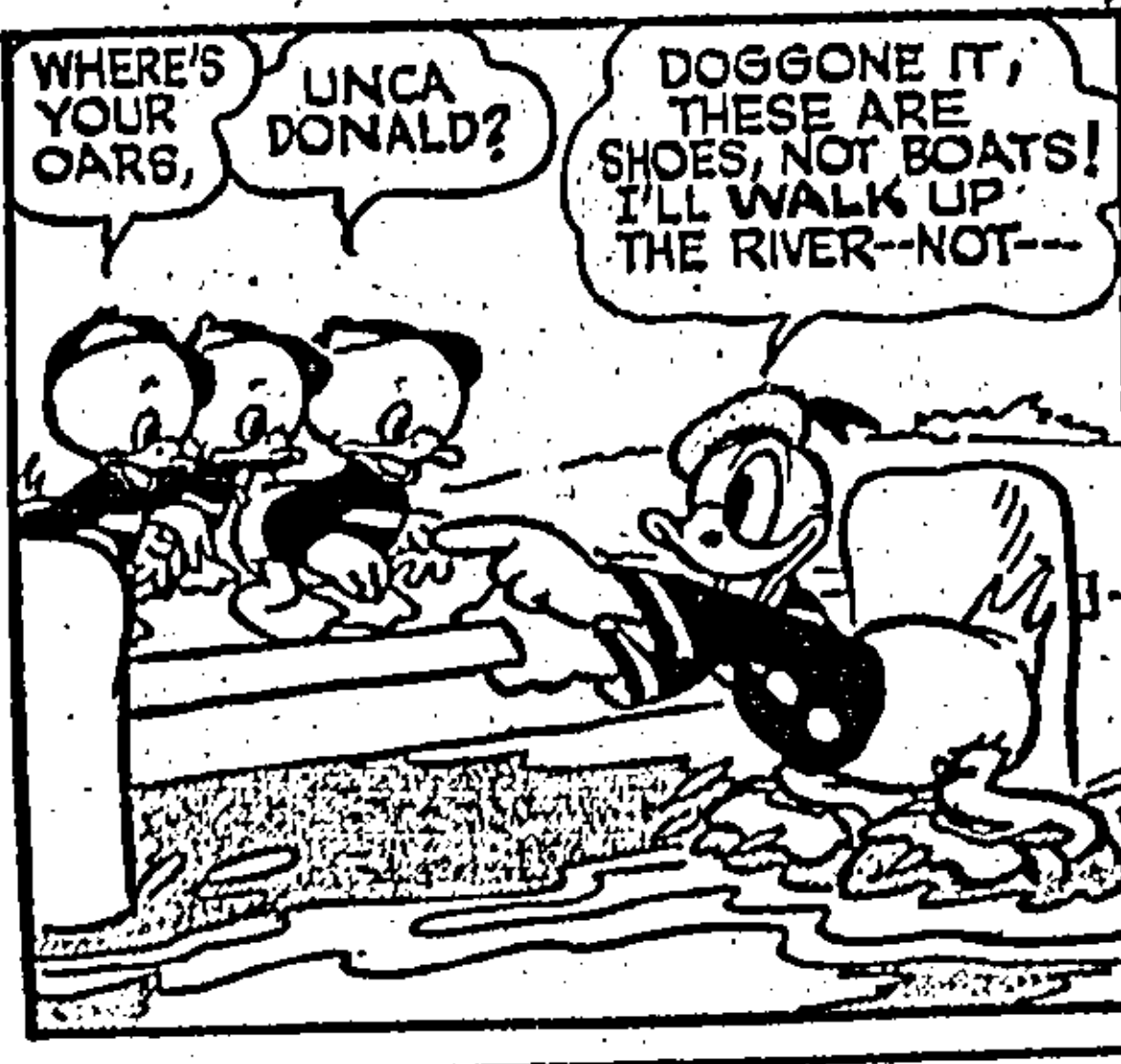
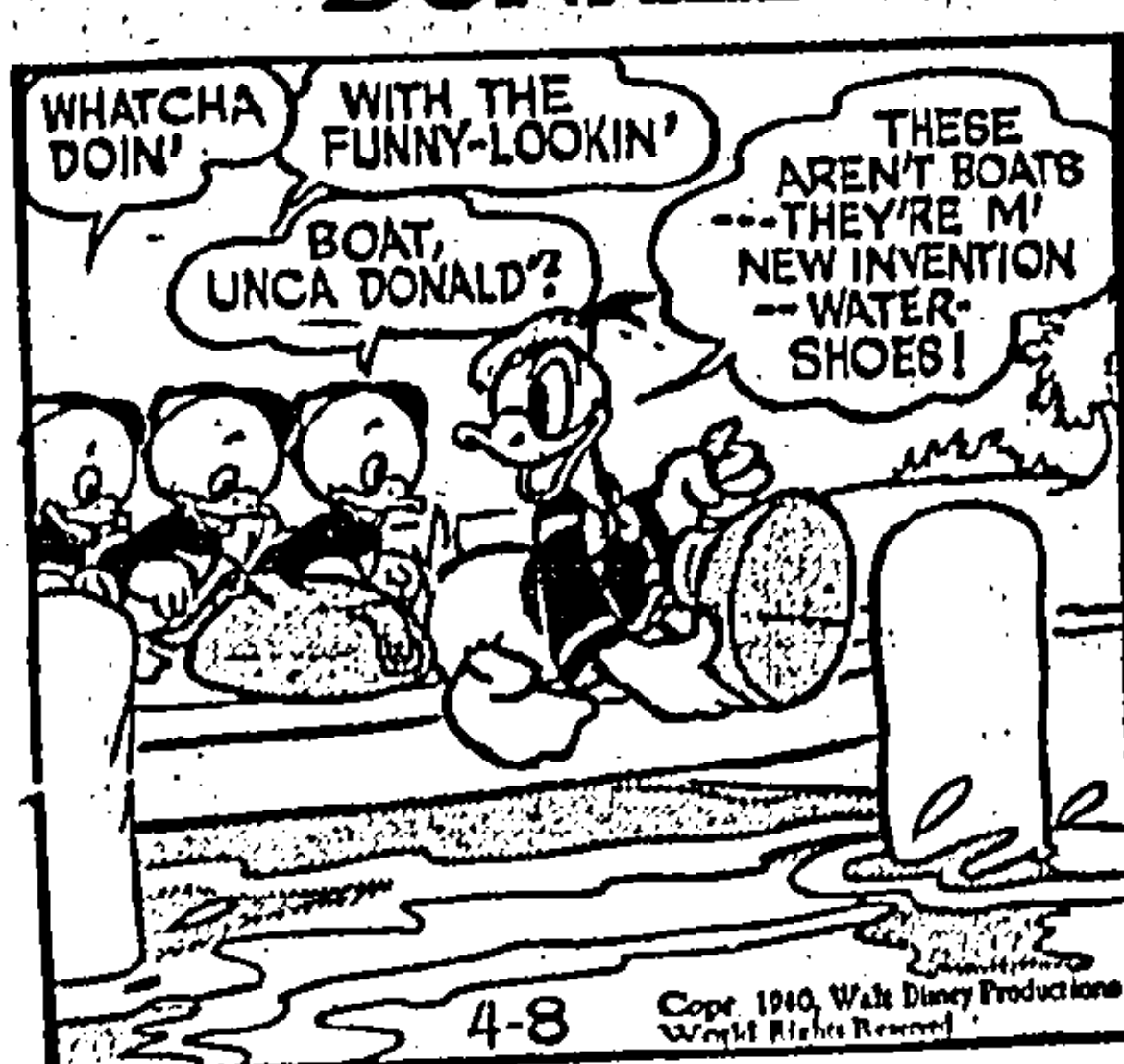
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POLICE PREVENT DAGGER FIGHT

Painters Arrested And Imprisoned

Man Wu, 24, and Choi Fai, 33, both painters, were charged before Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with possession of two daggers without a licence on May 17 at Shang Tung Street.

Sgt. Morrison said about 7 p.m. on May 17, the two men were stopped by a Chinese constable and searched. The two daggers were found on the first defendant.

It was revealed later that a fight was to have taken place that night between two rival societies in the Mongkok Theatre.

First defendant was sentenced to six months hard labour and recommended for banishment while the second defendant was discharged on insufficient evidence.

EXCHEQUER RETURNS

LONDON, May 21 (British Wireless).—Exchequer returns show the total ordinary revenue at £111,364,022 for the period April 1 to May 18.

This compares with £90,489,201 for the period April 1 to May 20 last year.

The total expenditure for these two periods is £316,525,422 and £153,741,460.

The revenue derived from income tax is almost twice as great as a year ago and on the expenditure side, that allocated to the supply services has risen from £113,300,000 to £274,711,000.

BROKER ON BAIL OF \$5,000

Bail was fixed at \$5,000 at the Central Magistracy this morning when Wong Kwok-ism alias Wong Shek-chung, 51, described as a broker, appeared before Mr. H. G. Sheldon charged with possession of counterfeit Hongkong ten cent pieces.

Mr. G. Ford represented Wong who was remanded for a week.

Det.-Sergeant Bentley said his instructions were to take the case for committal.



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ARMED ROBBERS SENTENCED

Alleged Receiver Acquitted

Sequel to an armed robbery at No. 15 Kilung Street, second floor, on April 10, when jewellery and property valued at \$2,135 was stolen, was the appearance of four men before Mr. E. Himsworth at the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Lo Yau and Yan Kwai-chui, who had previously pleaded guilty to the robbery, were sentenced to three years' hard labour, and Sun Kun, who had pleaded guilty to receiving a portion of the property, was sentenced to two years' hard labour.

Fourth accused, Yu Sau, 34-year-old goldsmith, also charged with receiving stolen property consisting of jewellery, was found not guilty by the Jury, and discharged.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, assisted by Det. Sgt. McPherson. The Jury was Messrs. Borge Herschend (Foreman), Fung Tsun, L. M. Roza, Chan Wai-chuen, Wong Kun-hoing, Poon Kwong-ho and Wong Siew-kwan.

The Crown's case against Yu Sau was that he had received a number of pieces of jewellery and articles stolen from the robbery at Kilung Street.

Evidence was given that accused had taken the jewellery to a number of goldsmiths' shops in Shanghai Street, and had sold a gold brooch in one shop for \$4, and a number of gold ornaments in another shop for \$200.

The witness also took out and put into a cheap metal case, while the gold case was sold for about \$20.

When arrested by Det. Leo Jowett on April 20, accused made no mention of the jewellery he had sold, but only said—something about the watch.

Being charged with receiving stolen property, accused made a statement saying: "I did not know they were stolen. I knew Sun Kun, who is a pork dealer."

In evidence this morning, accused said he did not know Sun Kun had come to the jewellery out of a robbery and had shown him the jewellery. Sun said he wanted to sell the jewellery which he had collected in the country.

The Jury returned a not guilty verdict by a majority of 5-2 after a retirement of about 15 minutes.

Brought Nazi Camera Here

Confiscation Order Made To-day

A brand new German camera was the subject of a confiscation application before Mr. H. G. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Mr. A. W. Grimmit, of the Imports and Exports Department, in applying for the forfeiture of the camera said that it was of German make.

When a steamer arrived in Hongkong from Shanghai yesterday a man named Ho Yia boarded it. Subsequently, Revenue Officers on duty stopped him and found that a paper parcel carried by him contained a new camera. He had said that a cook of the vessel had brought the camera down from Shanghai.

Concluding, Mr. Grimmit said that he had the option of appealing to the Governor in Council concerning the camera if he wished.

He was in Court and this was explained to him.

The order for confiscation was made.

Imposing War Contribution

Special Effort By Northern Ireland

LONDON, May 21 (British Wireless).—Northern Ireland will more than double her contribution to the Imperial Exchequer this year.

In a Budget statement to-day, the Minister of Finance of Northern Ireland estimated that £4,500,000 as against £2,000,000 last year would be handed over to the Imperial Exchequer.

He explained that the purchase tax and the proposal to limit dividends would be applied to Northern Ireland and that revenue from the former would augment the Imperial contribution.

Mr. Andrews put the total estimated revenue at £20,000,000 and expenditure at £10,200,000.

So He's No Longer On Jury List!

Li Yau of the Yuen Wing foundry does not speak English. His clerk at the foundry is not an expert either.

So when the forms for jury registration arrived at the foundry the clerk did the best.

He filled in the names of everyone from manager to coolies.

That, Li Yau explained to Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Criminal Sessions, to-day was how his name got on the jury list.

But the Chief Justice still wanted to know why he had not been present when called for jury service on Tuesday morning.

Li Yau explained that too. He had read the notice carefully and arrived for service promptly at ten past four!

Sir Atholl removed his name from the jury list.

U.S. Public Startled

Nazi Success Claims Come As Big Shock

WASHINGTON, May 21 (Reuter).—The German claim to have reached the English Channel came as yet another of the series of shocks which have startled the American public in the last fortnight, and it coincides with considerable heart-searching in the Press.

Republicans, who based their isolation policy on the invincibility of the Allies, are assailed for "bully-ragging" the President in the past months when they called him an "alarmist" every time he attempted to rouse public opinion to the growing dangers in Europe.

Lindbergh Criticised

Colonel Lindbergh also comes in for considerable criticism, and he has been branded as pro-German because of his characterisation of the Government's defence measures as "hysterical" and "the calamity of invasion."

Meanwhile Congress is feverishly pushing defence legislation through all its stages.

Wild suggestions are being thrown out, including selling the entire United States army, navy and air forces to the Allies in an effort to halt the "forces of barbarism" and the acquisition of some of the British West Indies as defence bases.

ALLAHABAD, May 21 (Reuter).—Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, former President of the Indian National Congress, stated in an interview that at a private meeting of the United Provinces Congress Committee on Sunday, he opposed those who wanted to start civil disobedience immediately because of the developments in Europe.

Distressing War Situation

The Pandit said the war situation was distressing him because he did not wish to see Nazi domination of Europe. Nevertheless India's attitude was not determined by the war situation but by Britain's attitude to India and her refusal to recognise her independence.

Mahatma Gandhi had said, continued Mr. Nehru, that the present suspense could not long continue. Events were forcing the pace, but to time India's actions chiefly because of England's policy was wrong and against India's policy of truth.

Maintenance Charge

Carlos Passos Kilsoln Rocha, of 29, Ashley Road, second floor, was summoned before Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The summons was issued by his wife, Linbamb Rocha, of 83, Sai Yee Street, 3rd floor.

She charges her husband with desertion from March 1934 and failing to provide reasonable maintenance from March 1, 1940.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appeared for the complainant and asked for a week's remand.

BRITONS ARRESTED

Alleged Currency Smugglers

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, May 22, (UP).—The Nagasaki police, acting on a tip regarding alleged illegal transactions in Japanese yen by foreigners operating between Shanghai, Kobe and Osaka with their headquarters in the Cathay Hotel at Shanghai, to-day seized three Britons disembarking from the Nagasaki Maru.

The names of the arrested persons have not been divulged.

When they were searched 200,000 yen was found concealed in their hats and shoes and sewn in the linings of their suits.

The arrested men are alleged to have confessed that they have been working in co-operation with some 30 Britons and Indians in Osaka and Kobe.

Their system was to smuggle the yen from Shanghai, buy Japanese goods, change the labels to those of foreign origin and then to sell the goods in Shanghai.

Through this system they have netted 800,000 yen profit.

FAITH IN ALLIES

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least throw a different light on the legend of German invincibility under all conditions. Even if it should prove that this phase of battle is in fact lost and that we have to make ready for that to follow with all the disadvantages which its loss will have brought upon us, we shall still face the enemy calmly and without flinching. There is no hint of faltering in the intensified struggle before us."

The "New Chronicle" says: "At such an hour, there is only one virtue for all—that is courage."

The "Ninth Army" has met a reverse but on the whole the rest of French fighting force remains intact and has not yet tried conclusions with the enemy.

The "Daily Herald" says: "Allied forces are in a dangerous situation, but let us give way to no exaggerated impulses of pessimism. Extremely formidable Allied forces are still in the field. If General Weygand and the French and British Governments give their leadership and decision in the spirit of M. Reynaud yesterday, the two peoples will show themselves capable of the superhuman effort that is needed."

ITALY WILL NOT WAIT

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with the announcement of Count Ciano's impending visit to Albania. The visit coincides with reports that large quantities of Italian arms and military supplies are being transported across the Adriatic to Durazzo in Albania.

Swiss Neutrality

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" GENEVA, May 22 (Dome).—The Italian Government has requested Hitler to preserve the neutrality of Switzerland, in view of the serious effect any invasion of the Confederation would have along the Italy-French frontier which might, as a result, become more vulnerable.

The Italian request is said to have caused fears in Switzerland.

NAZIS BOMBED

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movement of troops in the forest of Noville dropped a number of bombs and within a few minutes a raging fire spread over a wide area.

Near Le Cateau, a convoy of heavy lorries was bombed at the head and in the centre, and the scene of disorder was added to by sweeping the convoy with machine gun fire.

Outside Le Cateau two hits were made on a train.

Duke Of Gloucester On "Urgent Duty"

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Major-General the Duke of Gloucester arrived in London on Tuesday night from France on urgent duty.

He visited the War Office early this morning.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands also arrived from France on Tuesday evening.

GREAT BATTLE

FROM PAGE ONE

General Weygand, the new Allied Supreme Commander, is now on the battlefield, issuing the necessary orders in the face of "an exceptionally serious situation."

Despite the lightning German advance which enabled the invading mechanised units to push fifty miles further to the coast, fierce fighting is still continuing in the Cambrai region between Allied and German forces.

How Amiens, Arras Fell

The official spokesman explained the lightning German capture of Amiens and Arras in the following terms:

Light German detachments operating in the Cambrai region broke loose from the French and Allied wall of steel and skirting Cambrai to the south, rushed towards Amiens and Arras.

The Germans have by no means occupied the true battle area, which is almost a hundred miles from the coast, and very heavy engagements are continuing all along the Rethel, La Fere and Cambrai fronts.

Magnificent Resistance

The bulk of the German mechanised force is still checked in the Cambrai region, north of which a great battle is in progress between the B.E.F. and the Germans, with the Britons "resisting magnificently."

The relatively small enemy mechanised detachments which succeeded in breaking through and taking Amiens and Arras executed part of the enemy manoeuvre by pushing forward and establishing strong centres until reinforcements can arrive.

The enemy offensive in Rethel has failed to dislodge the French positions on the south bank of the Aisne, although Rethel is again in German hands.

Nazis in Abbeville

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" PARIS, May 22 (UP).—French military sources this morning admitted that small groups of German motor-cycle units have reached the region of Abbeville, which is 15 miles from the English Channel.

SCARE RUMOUR IN BRITAIN

Incredible Reports Of Landings

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, May 22, (UP).—As the war nears the English Channel to-day, scare rumours, which were entirely groundless, began to circulate that parachute troops had already succeeded in landing in a Midland industrial centre and near London.

The only result of these rumours was to cause trouble for the authorities who, despite the incredible nature of the reports, had to check them to make sure they were groundless.

Fully armed anti-parachute contingents are already patrolling the entire island and it is considered extremely unlikely that the Germans will even attempt, at least for the present, any such scatter-brained scheme as landing by parachute.

Nevertheless, Britain has girded herself to defend the island if the Germans do attempt to repeat 1940.

ALIEN FAILS TO REPORT

An alien, Roland Sanders, 61, of 3, Julia Avenue, was fined \$5 by Mr. E. Himsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for failing to report in person at the Mongkok Police Station on Monday.

Defendant said he had obtained permission from the D.S.P., Kowloon, to visit a few friends on board a ship and when he returned home he felt rather tired and fell asleep, forgetting to report himself.

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Sir Wilfrid Greene, Master of the Rolls, has left for Rome in order to renew his contacts with the Italian Government. He is Chairman of the Anglo-Italian standing committee which was established on the outbreak of war to provide machinery for discussion of economic matters.

STOCKHOLM, May 21 (Reuter).—The Swedish Legation in Berlin is lodging a strong protest at an incident yesterday evening when a German seaplane, after flying over Swedish territory east of Narvik, opened fire at a railway station, killing a man.

OTTAWA, May 21 (UP).—The Canadian Defence Minister announces that another Canadian contingent has arrived in England.

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8.00 Real Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Orchestral Selections.

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The Soldiers' Chorus...

Battle Songs Down the Ages

By Alan R. Dower

Black, white or yellow—the warriors of the nations have sung their way to battle through every age. Times and tunes have changed since the Roman legions marched to Verulamium to meet Caractacus with a song of triumph on their lips; but, even down to the present day, the hymn of battle has been encouraged in every army of the world.

It is not altogether a boast of national ego or regimental pride. Any soldier who has trudged the weary miles knows the value of a lusty song to aching limbs and jaded spirits.

The songs these soldiers sing have an infinite variety for the music of a nation reflects the characteristics of its people.

Rider Haggard, in his novel, "Nada the Lily," gives us the chant of the Zulu imps in their tribal wars:

"We are the King's kine, bred to be butchered;

"And you are one of us.

"We are the Zulu children of the Lion.

"What! Did you tremble?"

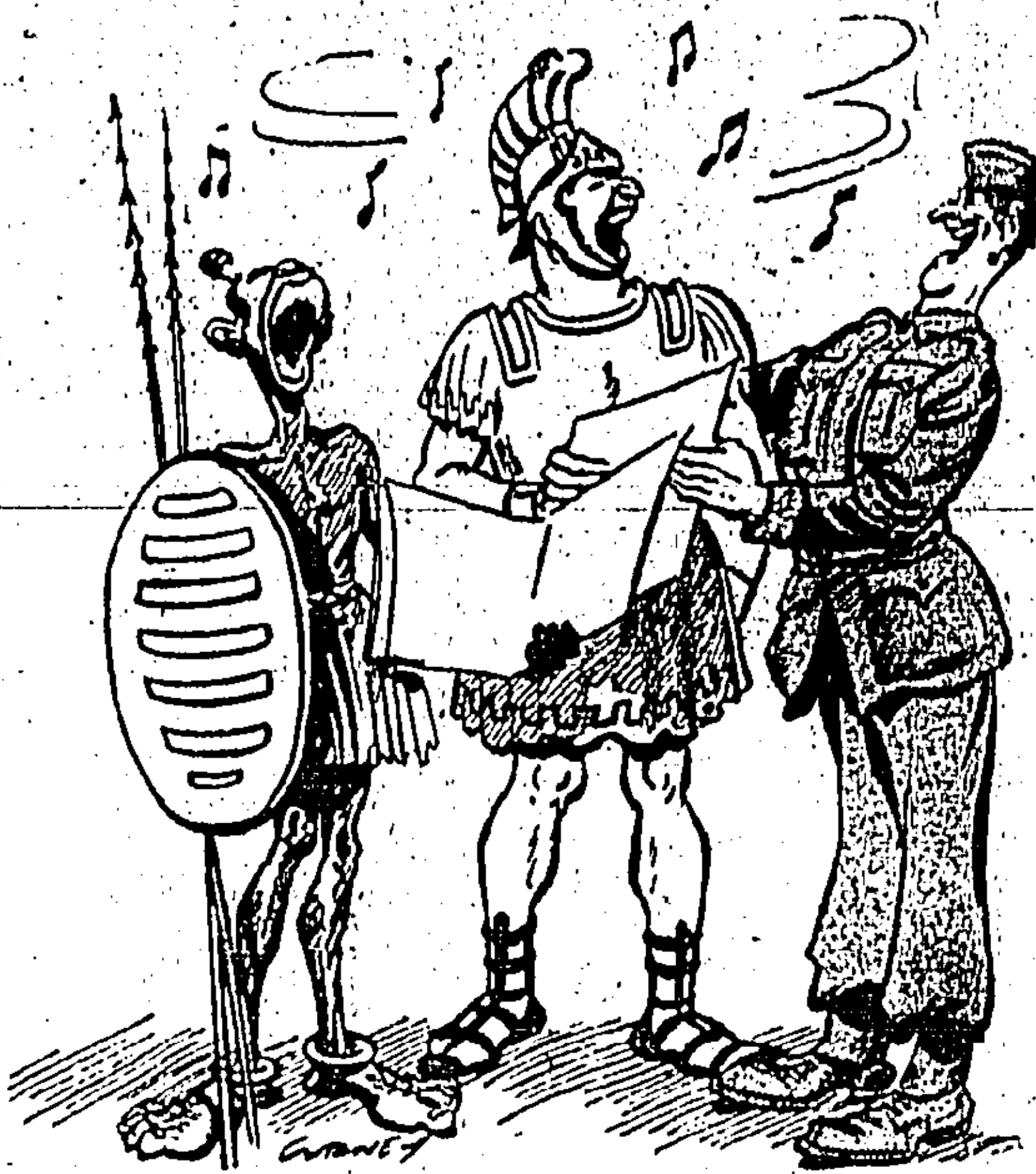
I like to think of the British tars in the turrets of the cruiser Ajax, singing as they closed the action with the Graf Spee:

"For it was festa, and we were so gay,

"South of the Border, down Mexico way."

"Yes, a peaceful enough song on an orchestra of guns. But does it not suggest the cool sureness of Drake before the Armada and the doggedness of Grenville in the Revenge?

Roman legionaries had their battle songs and so had the Zulus. Our own Tommies relish a lilting chorus, as do all soldiers.



Go down through history to the Crusades and you will find one of the most familiar stock tunes of the present day. Saracens heard the air of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" when the Crusaders went on their pilgrimages to the Holy Land.

The original words have been long forgotten, but the same tune was continually on the lips of the great Napoleon. Perhaps we can imagine him softly humming it as he gazed thoughtfully from the little mound at Rastahon:

"Oh, Marlbrook's gone a-fighting,

"Oh, when will he return?"

WHEN SEBASTOPOL was stormed and taken British troops at the Crimea rejoiced thereafter in a song that was typical of that die-hard period:

"Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah! The deed of deeds is done;

"Ours is the glorious day, Sebastopol is won."

Forty years ago, Britons and Colonials marched into the Boer War with a carefree "Soldiers of the Queen," "Dolly Grey," and "There's a Girl."

"Oh, there's a lot of hair,

"You've enough to stuff a chair,

"You've got a tidy mop,

"Get a little bit of the top."

The outlook of the British Tommy has changed little down the centuries. Anthems are rare items in his repertoire. War will be the forerunner of the "Horat Wessel" song, "Deutschland Uber Alles Auf Der Ganzen Welt," or the Italian Fascists' "Glovenazza."

Rather does he seek to voice his spirits in the rollicking "Mademoiselle From Armentieres"—with ever-changing parody—or the immortal "Tipperary."

So far, this war has not produced the Ivor-Novello or Jack Judge of the last great struggle, but Gracie Fields has already given "Wish Me Luck as You Wave Me Goodbye" the great popularity it deserves.

New melodies are many, but it takes a decided bit to displace some of the old time-honoured favourites. "Pack Up Your Troubles" and "Keep the Home Fires Burning" are always synonymous with periods of fortitude and courage, and "The Little Grey Home in the West" has never lost its appeal.

And what soldier has not swung along to "Take Me Back to Dear Old Blighty" at one time or another?

Throughout the dark days of 1914-18 the Royal Air Force sang its disdain of all earthly things:

"So raise your glasses steady,

"This world is a world of lies;

"Here's a health to the dead already,

"And Hurrah! for the next man that dies."

TO-DAY, as France throbs again to the tramp of marching feet, the Allied forces take up the lacy, chorus of "Booms-a-Daisy," a popular refrain with the French as well as British troops.

Sometimes, too, they ask: "Who is this that looks like Charlie Chaplin,

"What makes him think that he can win a war?"

"It can't be his moustache,

"Cause that just makes us laugh,

"And Charlie's done it better, and before!"

"Vola le boudin—There is the pudding!" chant the hard-bitten sons of the Foreign Legion as they come from the desert to join them.

"A rifle's not a heavy load, legionnaire!"

"Whether the weather may be wet or fine,

"We'll just rub along without a care;

"We're gonna hang out our washing on the Siegfried Line

"If the Siegfried Line's still there!"

Such is the optimism of British youth when it forms its ranks for battle.

Not unlike it in sentiment was the Texan battle song during the 1821 war for the liberation of Texas from Mexico. Chanting over the prairie of San Jacinto, in the full blast of a withering Mexican fire, the Texan frontiersman sang derisively:

"Will you come to the bower I have shaded for you?"

IN spite of a heavy influx of popular songs from the homeland, many British battalions still cling jealously to their regimental marches and country airs. Some of these have played their units around the world and back again.

The Loyal North Lancashire play "Red Rose" and the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry enjoy the rousing "March Of The Cornishmen."

THE Scots Guards swing along to "Cook O' the North," and the Grenadier Guards to the brave strains of "The British Grenadiers."

The same tune, with typical verve, is a favourite with the U.S. Marines.

"From the Halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli,

"We fight our country's battles on the land and on the sea;

"And if you ever have the luck to gaze on Heaven's scenery,

"You will find the streets all guarded there by the U.S. Marines."

Sometimes, too, they march to the "Dixie" of the American Civil War, or "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town To-night."

And here is a fragment of the marching song of the U.S. 27th Infantry:

"Oh, the monkeys have no tails,

"They were bitten off by whalers,

"Oh, the monkeys have no tails in Zambouanga."

Ridiculous, yes; but so it goes on the world over. The wild whoop of the Cherokee... the war march of the ancient priests.

What age, what tongue has not raised the song of battle for its warriors?

One might even say that the story of this world could be written in the music of the brave.

Walter Winchell Talks

Here is a statement that has interested millions of American radio listeners. It is an answer to a friendly challenge by the London "Sunday Dispatch" to Mr. Walter Winchell, famous American commentator. The "Sunday Dispatch" asked Mr. Winchell: "How do you explain America's peace-time clamour, 'Stop the Dictators,' with her present attitude of isolationism and indignation over British censorship of United States mails?"

Here is his answer made by radio.

IT IS true (says Walter Winchell) that America hates oppression, especially cowardly attacks on defenceless political minorities, but we have good reason to distrust Europe. We have learned that nations may be allies yet not have the same objectives.

NOT every hater of tyranny is a lover of democracy; not every foe of Hitler's is a friend of freedom.

TWENTY years ago we had faith. Now we have 11 billion dollars in war debts to remind us that Europe's commercial promises are not good, and China, Ethiopia, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Albania, Poland, and Finland to remind us that European military treaties are worth even less.

WE think Europe is morally bankrupt, and that it is a quaint European custom to cry about universal liberty in order to protect selfish national policies.

UNDER certain conditions, if necessary, we will fight to the death—but this time it will be only to defend our own country, our own Bill of Rights and our own institutions.

YES, it is true that we are 3,000 miles from the firing line, but the so-called civilised belligerents are only 600 miles from Finland.

WE do love democracy, but our answer to Europe is Europe's answer to the Czechs, the Austrians, the Albanians, the Poles, and the Finns.

And Here's The Reply

The invitation to Mr. Winchell and to other famous columnists was no criticism of America's attitude, but an honest inquiry. It was not an inquiry why America had not joined the Allies; it was, why America, once Britain was at war with Germany, had substituted for her demand that we should "stop the dictators" a clamour that we should not allow our war to interfere with America's business routine.

IT is true that nations may be allies yet not have the same objectives. Towards the end of the last war the United States gave its mighty aid to our cause. No Briton and no Frenchman will ever feel other than grateful for that intervention, but at the end of the war our objectives differed.

President Wilson inspired the League of Nations, with all its ambitions and all the difficulties which it entailed. America quickly repudiated the League, but the Allies stayed in.

ETHIOPIA—It was because of the League that Great Britain antagonised her old ally Italy by joining in a programme of sanctions to end the war in Ethiopia.

Sanctions failed (and the League virtually died) because some countries were not applying sanctions. Among those countries, of course, was the United States.

CHINA—It is hard to believe that Mr. Winchell is serious when he throws China in our faces. England is 10,000 miles sea journey from China.

America may be 3,000 miles away from Europe, but she was much nearer to this particular job of police work than was Britain. She has a huge fleet based on the Pacific and she had a big trade with Japan, which included much of the material which Japan needed to start what she refused to call war.

The United States did not see fit to combine with Great Britain in resisting this incursion. To be fair, it must be said that she has recently refused to renew her trade treaty with Japan.

ALBANIA had no guarantee from Britain or France. If Mr. Winchell wanted us to go to war with Italy about Albania, there is no reason why America should not have gone to war with Italy on the same issues.

AUSTRIA and CZECHOSLOVAKIA can be grouped. A democracy to wage war requires two things: (1) Conviction by every member of the democracy that war is justified, and (2) The arms for war.

For a long time Britain had neither. Hitler's absorption of Austria and his demand for the return of the Sudeten minorities still fitted in with the conception held by a great many people in this country that he sought only to reunite the German-speaking peoples.

It was only when he repudiated the Munich agreement that the whole of Britain was convinced that the safety of other nations was at stake. Even then we had not the necessary arms, and it is no comfort to the average Briton in the time we have since taken to rearm ourselves, to be told that this is a "phony war."

WAR ENDS—we appreciate that the war debts scores will smart, but here again facts are the best balve.

Let Mr. Winchell not forget that Britain, too, suffered in the war debt settlement. We could very easily have paid America the book debt if we had insisted on all that was owed by ally and enemy being paid. But Europe's economy would have been smashed, and well in among the ruins would have been America. The so-called repudiation had the heartiest approval of many American economists.

One might add without intentional bitterness that though America supported our cause and, unhappily, lost many of her sons, her greater strength was unshaken.

The United States supported us financially while her men were training. We would not ask for a return of our dead.

POLAND—After Hitler's repudiation of the Munich agreement, Poland was the next country menaced. Great Britain and France, at least, offered her an alliance, difficult though it was to implement, but the measure of our earnestness is that we are committed to a war which threatens to be the bloodiest in history.

FINLAND may well be the issue on which we finally part company with Mr. Winchell. Our consciences can rest easy on the statements of responsible Finnish Ministers—made even in the bitter hour of defeat—that the Allies gave all the help they could, despite the obvious geographical difficulties, and that, although Britain and France were themselves engaged in a major war, they sent money, men, munitions and supplies, and we had still more ready, waiting the word from the men who were conducting Finland's defence.

The United States, geographically immune from reprisal, talked of a loan to Finland, but the talks fizzled out. In the end they sent medical aid.

This is not said by way of reproach to the average American; it is a plea that our difficulties should be better understood by him.

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| B8902 | Comes love | Dorothy Lamour. |
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| C2385 | Gertrude Lawrence. . .Medley. | Gertrude Lawrence. |
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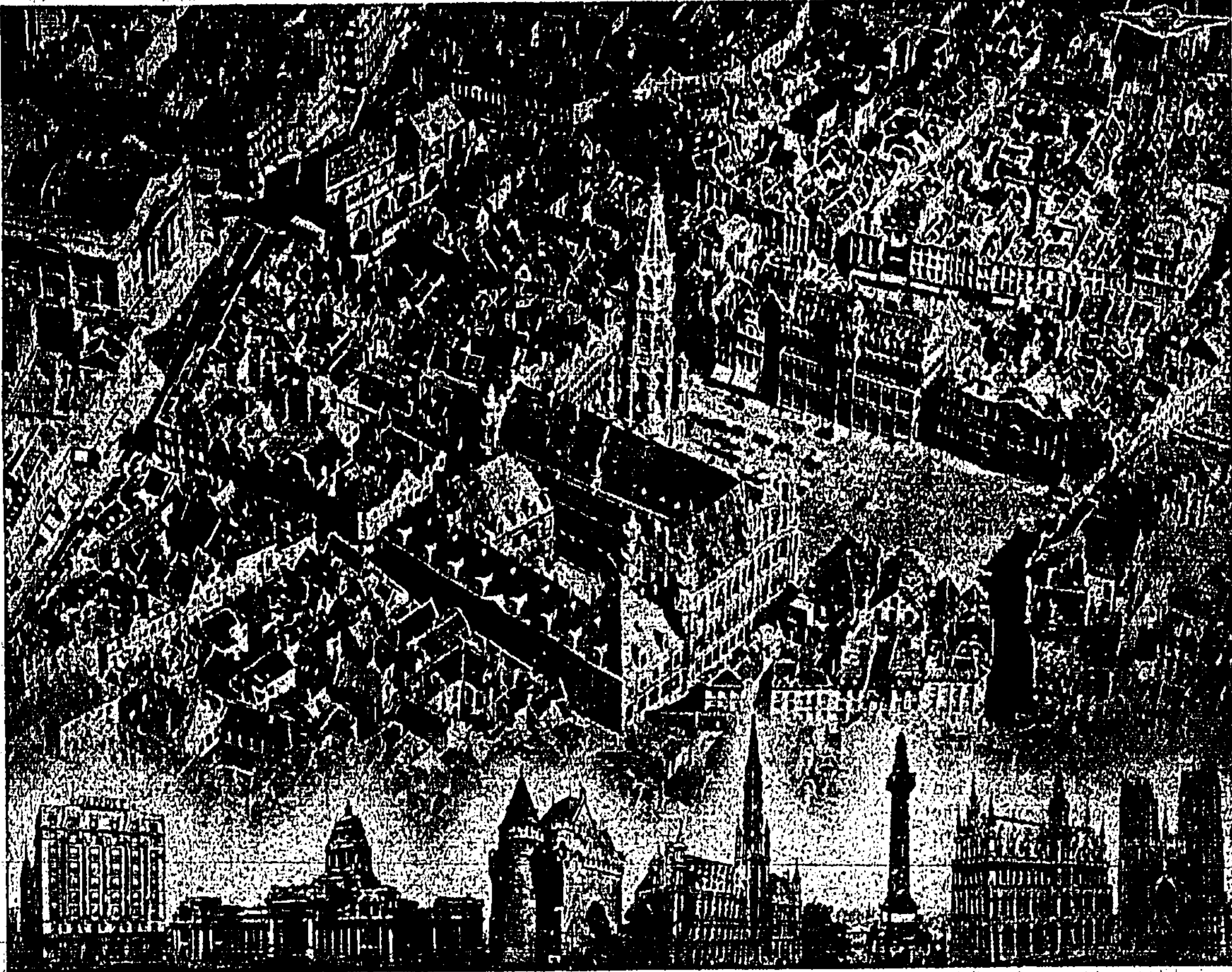
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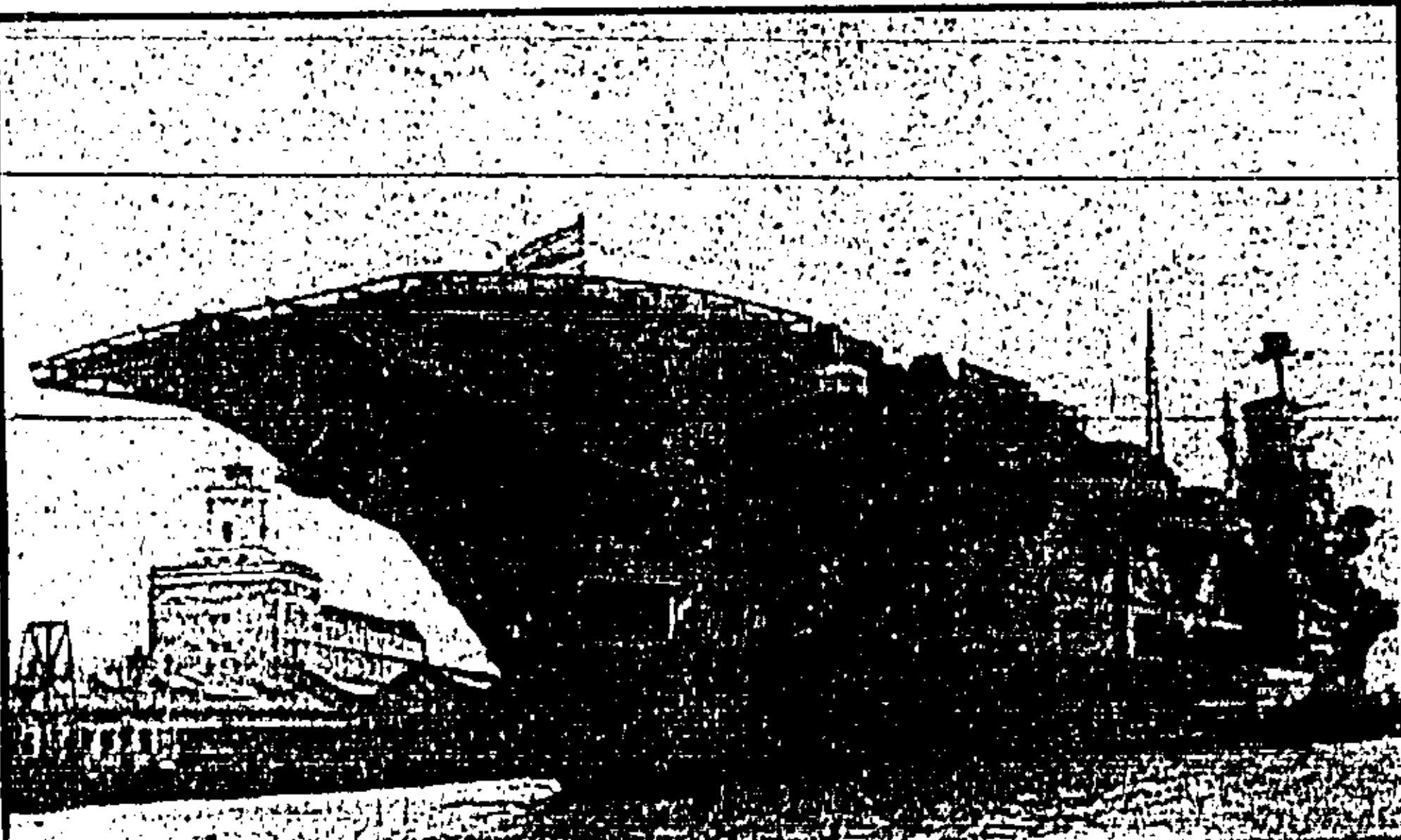
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BRUSSELS IN GERMAN HANDS



PANORAMA AND COMPOSITE photograph of Brussels, the Belgian capital which was evacuated by Allied forces during the week-end. The large photograph shows an aerial photograph of the capital, twice invaded in the last quarter of a century. Below, from left to right, are the Hotel Albert, the Palace of Justice, the Porte de Hal, the Hotel de Ville, the Colonne du Congrès, the Maison du Rue and St. Gudule Cathedral.

HERE IS THE ARK ROYAL



Pictures Taken At Portsmouth

HAVING repeatedly sunk the Ark Royal, the Nazi propaganda service will no doubt be surprised to see these pictures of the famous aircraft-carrier, taken at Portsmouth.

She came home from her long voyage to take on stores, tidy herself up and give her crew a well-earned leave.

Captain Power (right), of the Ark Royal, showing a group of news papermen the ship's scrapbook, which contains cartoons and newspaper comments on the alleged destruction of the aircraft-carrier. The group is looking at the magazine drawing of the sinking (above), published in the "Völkischer Beobachter."



A group of stokers photographed on board the Ark Royal at Portsmouth. They, in common with the rest of the crew, thoroughly enjoy the joke of the supposed catastrophe.

U.S. RUSHING NEW FLEET

WASHINGTON, May 21 (Reuter).—All-United States Navy establishments have been ordered to speed up defence preparations by working additional shifts and by increasing the civilian ship-building forces by at least 10,000 within three months. Sixty-six warships, including eight battleships, are at present under construction or are projected.

Civilian Prisoners Exchanged

GENEVA, May 21 (UP).—German and French civilian prisoners were exchanged at Geneva today. Ninety French and 85 Germans have been repatriated to their homes.

CHANNEL GUNS BARK

British Coast Towns Shaken By Noise

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—LONDON, May 22 (UP).—Anti-aircraft guns barked furiously last night, apparently in the Channel south of the Dover Straits.

The firing was so intense that everything shook and trembled in the coastal towns.

"People ran into the street to watch the brilliant display of bursting shrapnel in the sky."

The cannonading followed the activity of German planes over the English Channel from midnight to dawn.

Anti-aircraft guns were also fired from French coastal towns.

A.A. Guns Roar In Channel

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Intense anti-aircraft gunfire occurred twice this afternoon off the south-east coast.

Before and after firing the drone of aircraft engines were heard high overhead.

The sound seemed to come from the Channel and south of the Straits of Dover.

It appeared that anti-aircraft guns at that point had been in action.

To Work Day And Night

Mighty Effort By Aircraft Workers

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Lord Beaverbrook, Minister of Aircraft Production, has issued an appeal to all employees on aeroplane production to work on Saturday and Sunday, the next week-end and the following week-end.

"They are asked to work by night and day on full overtime for the present," says the appeal.

Any firm unable to follow this advice for any reason is invited to telegraph Lord Beaverbrook explaining the difficulties and everything possible will be done to smooth them out.

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Our Merchant Navy's Spirit

Higher Than Ever Says Minister

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The spirit of the Merchant Navy has never been better, said Mr. Ronald Cross, the Minister of Shipping, at the annual congress of the National Union of Seamen today.

Telegrams were sent pledging their loyal support to the Prime Minister and Labour members of the Government.

At the beginning of the war, said Mr. Cross, the Merchant Navy was subjected to violent and ruthless attacks by the enemy.

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In spite of this there has never been any difficulty about getting ships to sail.

They could not have a healthy industry without proper conditions and pay for the men.

He would endeavour to see that the Merchant Navy, as a whole, got a square deal.

COLONIAL NEEDS

House Finds Time For Social Legislation

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).

—In the House of Commons today, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Minister of Health and former Colonial Secretary, moved the second reading of the Bill authorising the expenditure of £5,000,000 a year for ten years for Colonial development and welfare and £500,000 a year on Colonial research, as well as remitting the loans amounting to over £11,000,000 from the United Kingdom to the Colonies.

He said it was characteristic that while every ounce of our energy was being thrown into the tasks of defeating and destroying the enemy, yet the House found time to turn and offer substantial and generous encouragement to Colonial development.

Continuing, Mr. MacDonald said: "At this critical hour, the world will make the passage of this Bill through British Parliament as a sign of ultimate victory. This nation will pass triumphantly through its present ordeal, however hard, grim, and desperate the struggle may be, and when the enemy is worsted and the war finished, Britain will still exercise vast responsibilities for the government of Colonial peoples."

"In the meantime we must not default upon our Colonial obligations. We must not let slip the experienced skill of our guiding hand; we must even now have constant care to protect and promote the well-being of our fellow-subjects in the Empire overseas."

Those Sombre Days
"In these sombre days, our anxieties and hopes are fully shared by the peoples of the Colonies. It seems to me that one of the most notable assurances that our cause is just is the fact that these distant peoples, alien to us in race, who are ruled by us, spring instantly and spontaneously to our side at the moment of the declaration of war."

"There are some 50 Colonial territories. Most of them are far removed from the scene of our European quarrels. Many of them are comparatively small communities who, in these circumstances, might well have thought to excuse themselves from the sufferings, hazards and dangers of modern war."

"But not a single one of them chose to take that course. I think it significant that these 50,000,000 people, scattered over 50 distant territories, who are not free to govern themselves and who are governed by us, recognise instinctively from that experience that we are the true guardians of the peoples."

Not A Bribe
Nevertheless, he continued, the proposals for the assistance towards Colonial developments were not a bribe or reward for the Colonies' support in the present supreme crisis. They were conceived long before the war and were part of the normal peace-time development of British Colonial policy.

The money would be devoted to research, building clinics, hospitals, schools, etc.

The Government also attached particular importance to the giving of assistance to works of economic development. These works would enable them to exploit to the maximum the natural resources of those territories which would place a colony in a position to finance out of its own resources the administrative and social services required.

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Darkest Hour Before Dawn

Mackenzie King Asks For Courage

OTTAWA, May 21 (Reuter).—Addressing the House of Commons today, the Canadian Premier, Mr. Mackenzie King asked the members to remember that "in this, probably one of the darkest hours in the history of our Empire, that the outlook was similarly black in 1918, but the British and French troops rallied and won."

Mr. Mackenzie King declared that the situation of France was more serious.

Close Co-operation
He briefly reviewed the position from the communications received and declared that the British and French were working in close co-operation, their morale unbroken.

He added: "The gravity of the news precludes the need for any general statement of policy or programme since the situation is changing every hour—every minute."

KING'S BROTHER UNDER FIRE

Duke Of Gloucester's Three-Day Ordeal

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—It is learned in London that the Duke of Gloucester was for three successive nights in the areas which were heavily bombed, and that he is suffering from scratches caused by bomb splinters.

Both his hands are badly bruised. The Duke and Duchess visited Mansion House yesterday to hear the progress of the Red Cross Fund and stayed to tea with the Lord Mayor.

KING RECEIVES PREMIER

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace today.

His Majesty also received General Sir Edmund Ironside, Chief of Imperial General Staff, in audience at Buckingham Palace.

Schoolboy Suffers Concussion

Abdul Gader, a 14-year-old schoolboy residing at No. 17 Pekin Road, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital yesterday afternoon suffering from concussion, the result of a fall off a wall in Ashley Road, while playing with some companions.

Advance Not A Victory

British Militarists Still Confident

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—LONDON, May 22 (UP).—British military circles refuse to regard the German advance as a victory, if ever, in consolidating the positions into which their motorised units have succeeded in penetrating.

The Allies, it is pointed out, can lose a battle without losing the war. But if the Germans lose a battle, it will mean they have lost the war.



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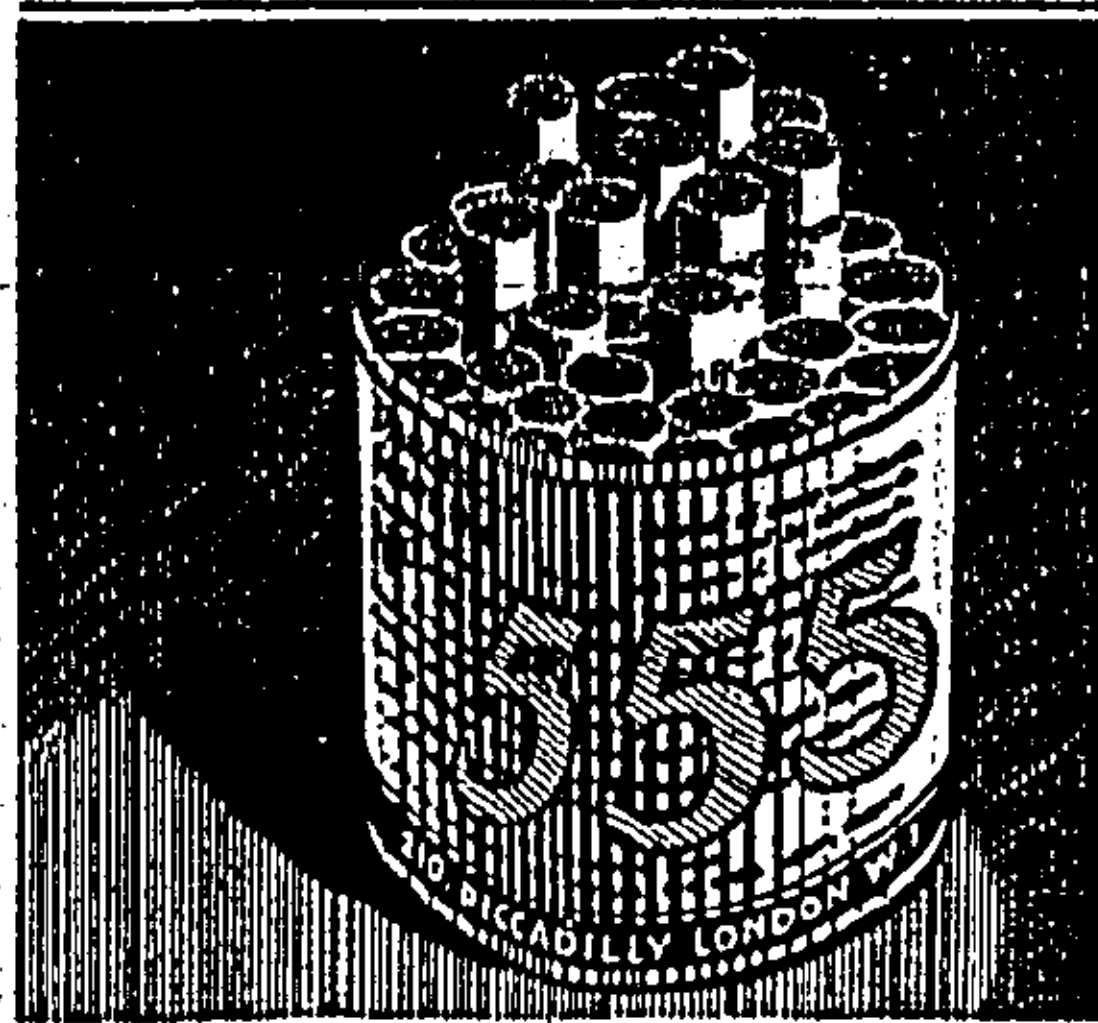
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The Choice Of Ruin

When the history of Herr Hitler is
written it will record that no other
ruler refused so many opportunities
to avert ruin. The diplomacy over-
each conquest has revolted the rest
of the world. There was doubtless
never any weakening in the Fuehrer's
purpose to hold fast every inch and
every creature that his aggression has
stolen. But to meet the uneasiness of
Germany it was necessary to find an
excuse in the responsibility of the
Allies. Calculations have been con-
founded by their determination to
redeem Europe from the fear of Nazi
brigandage. It remained to represent
this for German consumption—the
fare is elsewhere inedible—as
sabotage of peace. Never can the
honour of the Reich, we are told,
permit the surrender of any of the
plunder of Poland, Czechoslovakia,
Austria, Scandinavia and the Low-
lands.

The honour of the flag of the
Swastika is indeed dyed dark with
the blood of innocent victims of
massacres for which there can be no
atonement. It is the singular dis-
tinction of Hitlerism to combine with
the brutality the most famous hypocrisy.
There have been many examples, but
even the living voice of the Fuehrer
can hardly surpass the unofficial
whine from Berlin regarding the
sacrifices which Germany has made.
The self-sacrifice of the murderous
burglar is a new conception in ethics.
Mankind knows too well that
Germany is doing her best, as Berlin
proclaims, to create a "new order."
The nature of that new order has
revolted the conscience of civilisation
and leagued the great alliance of free-
dom against Hitlerism. Even in the
inner circles of that faith they
should by now be tried of threaten-
ing dire attacks on Britain. No one
ever doubted the desire of the
Fuehrer and his cabal to wreak their
hatred on all who oppose them. They
will assuredly do the world as much
damage as they can before they are
overthrown.

Boer War Rifles
Found In Chapel

Eight rifles of a type used in the
Boer War were found in the
place of a room at the Dalton
Methodist Mission Chapel, Mayfield-
road, Dalton, E.
"The fireplace had not been used
for many years," said Mr. E. Watson,
who was in the room when the dis-
covery was made. "It was boarded
up, and when the boards were re-
moved the rifles were found stand-
ing on their butts at the back of the
chimney."
They seem to have been there a
long time. The room is known as
the "band room" and has been used
for many years by the mission band
for practice.

Hitler is following the Schlieffen Plan

By A Special Military
Correspondent

HITLER'S THRUST
through France is develop-
ing in two directions. It
follows the famous Schlieffen
Plan of 1914, an en-
veloping sweep on the right
flank.

(1) The German airmen
dropped parachute troops on
and around the air bases in
the North-west of Holland,
trying to seize them all, as
they did in the Norwegian
campaign.

(2) The German army ad-
vanced westward into South
Holland, between the Dutch
"waterline" and the Belgian
floodable area of La Campine.

Their objective was the North
Sea, and they reached it near
the island of Walcheren. Then
the strategic conception of the
German thrust was to turn
southwards, always holding the
North Sea on the flank of the
advancing armies.

By this manoeuvre the Ger-
mans hope to secure sea bases
only 120 miles from Harwich;
and also to turn the flank of the
Belgian defences.

IN 1914 the German com-
mander-in-chief Von Moltke,
pursuing the same plan, lost his
nerve and refused to take in
Holland in his sweep to the West.
German strategists have always
declared that error cost Ger-
many the last war.

Hitler accepts this criticism,
and he is resolved to secure his
right flank on the North Sea.

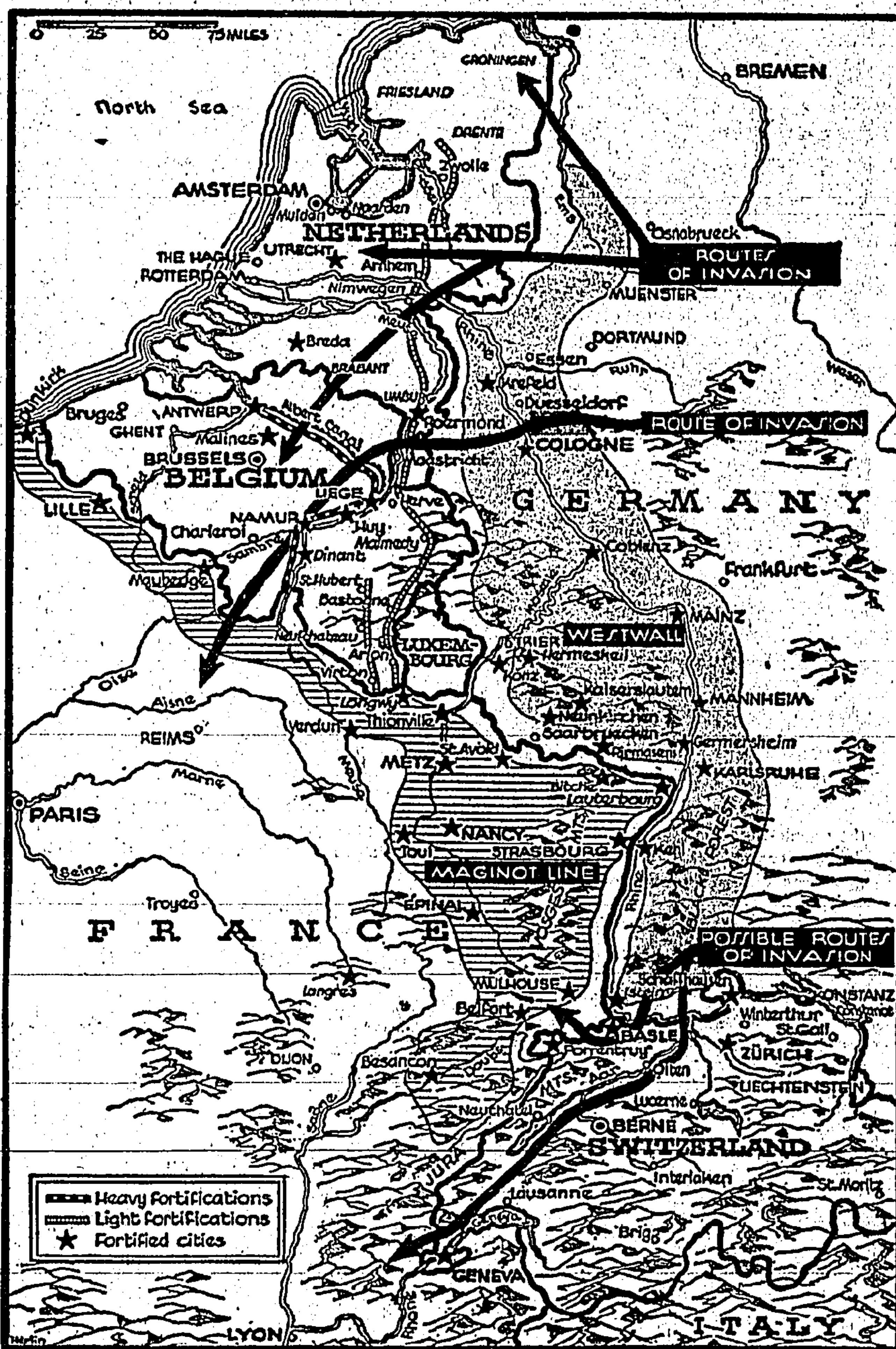
The Dutch had 700,000 men
mobilised. These troops were
equipped with machine-guns,
anti-tank, and light field artil-
lery. They lacked heavy
guns.

The Dutch always planned, in
the event of German invasion, to
retire beyond the "water line,"
which was flooded at 4 a.m. on
the morning of the invasion, in-
to old Holland, letting the Ger-
man thrust continue towards
Belgium.

They then intended, sustained
by the British Navy from the
coast, to harry the Germans
from the flank. But the Nazi
attack was like nothing the
world has known before, and
Holland crumbled in four days
after terrible losses.

THE Belgian defences were
threefold.

(a) The Albert Canal link-
ing the Scheldt Estuary and
the River Meuse; the fortress
area of Liège; and a pill-box South Holland would separate



system running south through
the Ardennes forest to the far
end of Luxembourg.

(b) Concrete fortifications
running south from Antwerp
to the Meuse, and then behind
that river to the French fron-
tier.

(c) Trenches running west
from Antwerp to Ostend.

The Belgians have nearly one
million men under arms. They
are well trained and well equi-
ped, but without heavy tanks.
In fact, the Belgian army is a
defensive force.

We had to expect, therefore,
that the German thrust through
area of Liège; and a pill-box South Holland would separate

the Belgian and Dutch forces.

The Belgians then retired to-
wards the French frontier,
where they have now joined the
Allied forces.

MUCH depended on the speed and
strength with which the Allied armies
were able to advance north-east
through Belgium, seeking to forestall
the German thrust at the entrench-
ment, running west from Antwerp to
Ostend.

But the Nazi mechanised machine
was too swift and in a week we saw
the Germans coming first through
Belgium and even piercing the for-
tifications in France behind the Bel-
gian frontier, which the Allies have
spent the last eight months construct-
ing.

MEANWHILE the British and
French air forces are already in
action. It is unbelievable that the
Germans will be allowed to make use
of the majority of the Dutch and
Belgian airfields, captured, as in Nor-
way, by German Fifth Columnists.

So we see the German advance
hastened and bombed by Allied air-
planes, while we look for adequate
protection against hostile air attack
on our troops hurrying into their
positions.

What booty will Hitler obtain in
Holland and Belgium?

He may have succeeded in grab-
bing the large store of Dutch gold,
as well as foreign securities to the
value of several millions of pounds.

This treasure was stored in the
cities of Amsterdam, Rotterdam and
The Hague, so they are all on the
west side of the Dutch water line. It
is probable the Dutch removed them
to Britain.

Hitler was known to have a fleet
of flat-bottomed boats ready which
could be paddled across the flooded

Dutch fields. He used these boats
in an attempt to get at the gold be-
fore the Dutch got it away.

As for the vast Dutch possessions
in the West Indies, they are secure
against hostile action. For the U.S.
fleet is on manoeuvres in that
vicinity.

THE Belgians are not so wealthy
as the Dutch. But the Belgians had
arranged, remembering the lessons
learned in 1914 when the Germans
captured valuable material in Brus-
sels, that all their movable assets in
the form of gold and securities should
be carried into France as soon as the
Germans crossed the frontier.

No doubt these plans are already
executed.

If Hitler is checked in his
tumultuous outburst to the West, if
he can be held even much nearer
to Paris, and if severe losses can
be inflicted on him, it is likely that
the battle now being waged will be
as decisive as the Battle of the
Marne.

ONE word in conclusion. The
bombing of Lyons indicates that
Hitler may be launching an attack
on the whole front, from the North
Sea to the Alps. We shall see in a
few days, even a few hours, whether
he means to invade Switzerland.

A thrust may be made from near
the shore of Lake Constance along
the river valley of the Aar, and
behind the screen of the Jura moun-
tains.

Such a thrust would be aimed over
the pass to Portarieu and south
towards Lyons, as well as through
Geneva and down the Rhone Valley
towards Marseilles.

In such a situation Italy might also
be tempted to move. The French
General Staff are bearing all these
considerations in mind, and are pre-
paring their own dispositions to
meet any emergency.

ARRAS AND AMIENS FALL: GERMAN TANKS MOVE FAR AHEAD OF BASES IN GREAT "BLITZ" EFFORT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, MAY 22 (UP).—THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND CLAIMS TO HAVE REACHED THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.

These reports are being treated with reserve in London.

It is admitted, however, that a few mechanised units may have succeeded in reaching the coast. This could be accomplished without cutting off Allied communications with the forces operating in Belgium, or making the situation necessarily precarious.

PRESSED ENERGETICALLY

It is further admitted that the Nazi drive towards the Channel is being pressed energetically.

The Germans claim to have taken Arras, Amiens and Abbeville.

Arras and Amiens are over fifty miles from the scene of yesterday's heavy fighting at St. Quentin and Le Cateau.

Information available in London shows that the German claims are undoubtedly exaggerated.

But it is officially announced in Paris that the Germans have taken Arras and Amiens.

Arras is 50 miles from the Channel, and 55 miles from Boulogne and Calais.

Amiens is 55 miles from Dieppe.

Abbeville is only 15 miles from the Channel between Boulogne and Dieppe.

Military circles in London point out that the Germans have advanced ahead of their bases at such a rapid pace that they must remain in perpetual danger of losing most of their tanks and motorised units, which have advanced far ahead of the infantry.

MAY COST NAZIS WAR

Any wastage in this direction might cost Germany the war.

Even if the Germans succeed in establishing a line from Sedan to the coast it is entirely possible that the Allies in Belgium could force a way to the south.

Military authorities point out that if the Germans get control of Belgium and northern France, the Allies can reform along the Somme and Aisne rivers.

The German gains would control the French shore and the Straits of Dover, thus hampering Allied communications across the Channel as well as putting German planes within striking distance of Britain and giving the Germans the choice of driving on Paris or waging an intensified war against Britain.

England Prepared

While Britain is preparing swiftly and grimly for invasion, important military theorists hold that the invasion of England by sea is "fantastic," due to Germany's loss of one-third of their fleet.

It is pointed out that the transportation of tanks to England is virtually impossible, because few ships could handle 70-ton tanks.

Even if some would be embarked and disembarked from special ships, there could only be a few which would not present a serious factor. Moreover, it is believed here that German transports could not land in the face of British aviation, sea power, mine protection and shore batteries.

Namur Falls?

LONDON, May 21 (Reuters).—The Berlin news agency states that it learns from well-informed quarters that the last fort in Namur, which was still resisting, has been taken by the Germans.

Official Reports

PARIS, May 21 (Reuters).—Today's communiqué says: "In the region north of the Somme the enemy is continuing his pressure in pushing his advance elements as far as Amiens and Arras. On the rest of the front, the situation is unchanged despite local efforts by the enemy. There is intense activity by our reconnaissance aircraft and bombing formations who, with the collaboration of naval bombing units, have ceaselessly harassed enemy troops on the ground. The minimum number of enemy planes shot down by French aircraft and A.A. defence alone between May 9 and May 19, is now known to be 308."

B.E.F. Fighting Hard

LONDON, May 21 (Reuters).—Latest reports reaching London show that the B.E.F. is fighting well on the positions assigned to it and that it is in good heart. To the south of the British front, the situation is still obscure, but the German claims in this area are known to be based on the limits reached by small mechanised detachments.

Terrible Nazi Losses

PARIS, May 21 (Reuters).—The French military spokesman who a day or two ago said that the rate of German and Allied losses were three to one in our favour, said today that he would have to revise this estimate. The German losses, he said, have

U.S. AIR AIMS

10,000 Planes And 16,000 Pilots

WASHINGTON, May 21 (Reuters).—That the naval air strength be not less than 10,000 planes and 16,000 pilots is proposed in the legislation introduced by the Chairman of the Naval Committee of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

This action was taken after a conference with President Roosevelt and ranking admirals.

\$225,000,000 Expenditure

In a joint statement, the Chairman, Senator Walsh, and Representative Carl Vinson, declared that the President proposed to use \$225,000,000 for naval aviation facilities and personnel.

Legislation is also to be introduced requesting an additional \$125,000,000 for the establishment and development of naval aviation bases.

Both committees struck at Fifth Column activities particularly, approving measures to dismiss suspected workers and soldiers.

Natives To Stay At Their Posts

Statement In House Of Commons

LONDON, May 21 (Reuters).—Mr. Anthony Eden was asked in the House of Commons today whether the Government would consider supplementing British man-power by recruiting coloured fighting men from the Colonies and Protectorates.

He was also asked how far these men could be equipped and trained in each Colony before being sent to France.

"The voluntary enlistment of men in the Colonies and Protectorates," said Mr. Eden, "has been proceeding. It is expected the majority will, for the present, be recruited for military duties in their own territories."

"Thus they will discharge an important function which would otherwise have to be performed by British troops."

"The men are receiving training and equipment locally."

YESTERDAY'S ACCIDENTS

Several traffic accidents were reported to the Police yesterday. Leung Hee, of 68 Yu Chow Street, reported that at 12.45 p.m. yesterday while driving a lorry in Des Voeux Road, West,

a Chinese male, Wong Chiu, aged 41, ran across his path and was knocked down, sustaining injuries to his left leg for which he was treated at the Queen Mary Hospital.

Li Chow, aged 48, was the victim of a hit and run accident, suffering injuries to the right hand as a result of being knocked down by an unknown lorry or motorcar in Hennessy Road yesterday morning.

Mrs. B. Bishop, of the Green Island Cement Co. reports that while driving a car at 6.30 p.m. yesterday on the Castle Peak Road towards Hongkong, and when nearing the Tuen Wan control, an unknown Chinese boy on a bicycle swerved in front of her and struck the rear side of the car, which sustained little material damage. Nobody was injured.

MAY TRANSFER GOVT. ARCHIVES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GENEVA, May 21 (Domes).—Unconfirmed reports state that the French Government may transfer certain archives from Paris to Tours.

ed. Here, too, the German advance was carried out completely, according to plan. This should be emphasized when one considers that here, at the peak of the World War, every foot of ground was the object of bloody fighting.

Another German report claims that the force which "is pushing towards the Channel in the greatest attack of all times" is no mere advance guard, but numbers 60,000 men, followed by even stronger detachments.

"So swiftly did the Nazi juggernaut sweep westwards sixty miles along the Somme Valley and through Arras and Amiens to Abbeville that the French General Graw and his staff were taken prisoners."

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1890. Steam boats are now made by hydraulic power in England. They are said to be superior to those of wood and can be produced at about the same cost. (This was the birth of riveting as we know it today.—Ed.)

It is not out of place to cast a glance into the future in order to discern in what direction electricians are working in the domain of electric railways. One of their main objective points is to attain higher speeds than is now reached with the fastest express train, and enough has already been demonstrated to show that this is by no means impossible. There has been for some time in operation at Lantieri, near the electric railway originally designed by David G. Weems. When it was recently inspected by the writer, with its watch in hand, he noted a speed of the electric locomotive of nearly one hundred and twenty miles an hour. The electric car there employed is a car shaped pointed at both ends. The electric motors are constructed with a revolving armature which is employed directly on the axle so that no intermediate gearing whatever is employed. The electrically pointed ends of the car which might by some be considered fantastical, have their reason d'être in the fact that at the high speed at which this car is run, the resistance of the air is by far the greater retarding influence, much greater in fact than the resistance due to the axle and rolling friction, which at lower speeds is predominant.

A demonstration in favour of the eight hours a day movement took place on May 4 in Hyde Park. Two immense processions of men and women were seen in the Park. It is estimated that at least one hundred thousand persons took part. Perfect order prevailed.

25 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1915. The papers are devoting much space to the question of the Liberal Press. The Conservative Press is practically unanimous, a section of the Liberal Press is not. The Liberal Press is divided. "Daily News," "Chronicle," "Star" and "Economist," however continue to oppose.

Field Marshal Sir John French in a communique yesterday sincerely regretted the small scale of the East of England. Otherwise all has been quiet. British aeroplanes brought down German aeroplanes in the neighbourhood of Moorlede (Belgium).

A Paris communiqué states:—We easily repulsed an attack in the Lorette district.

10 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1930. Definite evidence of the split in the Labour Cabinet is forthcoming by the resignation of Sir James Macpherson, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, a position which gives him Cabinet rank. Sir Macpherson has resigned in protest against the Government's policy of non-interference in the coal strike.

The resignation of Sir James Macpherson has caused a division in the House of Commons on Monday night when the Government's majority was 10. The Government had failed to deal adequately with the unemployment problem.

5 YEARS AGO

May 22, 1935. A strong complaint against Italy is contained in a telegram received by the League of Nations Council today from the Emperor of Abyssinia. The Emperor claims that Italy, since the incident of Valul, when Italian colonial troops and Abyssinian tribesmen clashed with loss of life on both sides, had endeavored to evade the League's obligation to conduct an impartial examination of the differences between the two countries.

Princesses May Go To Canada

Protection Against Parachutists

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MONTREAL, May 21 (UP).—According to rumours prevalent in Canadian Government circles Canada will shortly become a haven for the Royal children of Britain, the Netherlands, and Belgium.

Authoritative sources state they have no information, but admit that, in any case, such a move would be kept secret until the children arrived.

Closely Guarded

Meanwhile, a report from London states that Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose are being closely guarded by the police in view of the danger from German parachutists. Three fully-armed police detectives now patrol through the grounds of the Royal Lodge at Windsor day and night.

MALICIOUS WOUNDING

Japanese Imprisoned For Attack On Wife

Ohta Tainosuke, 47, Japanese restaurant keeper, was sentenced to nine months imprisonment by Sir Atholl MacGregor at the Criminal Sessions today on a charge of maliciously wounding his wife.

Defendant pleaded guilty. No evidence was offered on the alternative charge of wounding with intent to cause grievous bodily harm. Ohta's counsel, Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, said that defendant came to Hongkong in 1917 as assistant in the restaurant of a man known as Nagasaki Joe. He had been here ever since, conducting the restaurant for the widow of Nagasaki Joe and, since 1930, for himself.

Attack In Restaurant

It was in this Wanchai restaurant that the attack on Ohta Tainosuke occurred on March 2.

"There is no doubt from the evidence at the police court that defendant was very drunk at the time of the offence," said Mr. Anderson. "When the doctor saw him four hours later, he was in a profound sleep and smelt strongly of drink. He could be awakened only with difficulty and slurred his words. The evidence of the wife and two sisters-in-law bears this out."

Not Seasoned Drinker

"Defendant is not a seasoned drinker. He is generally abstemious but once in six or seven months he takes more than he can hold. Unfortunately, on these occasions he is very much the worse for liquor."

"But it does appear that the attack was not without provocation. When defendant first went to the room of the sister-in-law, he was pushed out. It was then that he went to his room and—reappeared—a few minutes later with the dagger."

"The evidence of the wife shows that when she went downstairs with the sister-in-law she found defendant pacing the room. It was when she pushed him that he struck her. Drunk though the defendant was, both the initial taking of the dagger and the assault itself were not unprovoked."

Respected Member Of Community

Ohta Tainosuke is well-known and respected in the Japanese community—of Hongkong. This is the first offence at any time. That is a not inconsiderable record for one who has been in the colony for 23 years. There is no reason to expect any repetition of his offence. It would be most unreasonable to expect that the defendant, drunk or sober, would again attack his wife. He has learned his lesson and is profoundly sorry. "His married life has been quite normal for all these years. His wife is perfectly prepared to resume life with him."

"Defendant is no longer a young man and bearing all these factors in mind, I submit that justice would be met by a fine and by binding over defendant," Mr. Anderson concluded.

Not Provocation

On the question of provocation, Mr. J. P. Murphy, for prosecution, said it was perfectly proper for two spinsters to push out of their room a man who came there drunk in the small hours of the morning.

Sir Atholl MacGregor: Or sober. The Chief Justice said that the whole of the evidence showed that defendant was a man who, from time to time, became extremely drunk. He was then most troublesome. He had taken no real steps to free himself from this habit.

"What you call provocation is no provocation whatever," he added. "If would have been most unnatural if these two girls had not pushed him out, or if the wife, finding him pacing the floor, had not told him to go to bed."

"His wife is willing to forgive him and take him back. That has impressed me very greatly and the sentence will be lighter than I had intended when I came into court. But the offence is too serious for me even to consider fining or binding over defendant."

More Medical Men Needed

Tragic French Scenes Described

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 22 (UP).—The American Volunteer Ambulance Corps has issued an appeal stating that it is urgently in need of more men and material.

The appeal adds: "A tragic percentage of the casualties remain unattended and the roads are littered with thousands of refugees trying to find shelter and nourishment."

Two American ambulances are a total loss and others are badly damaged.

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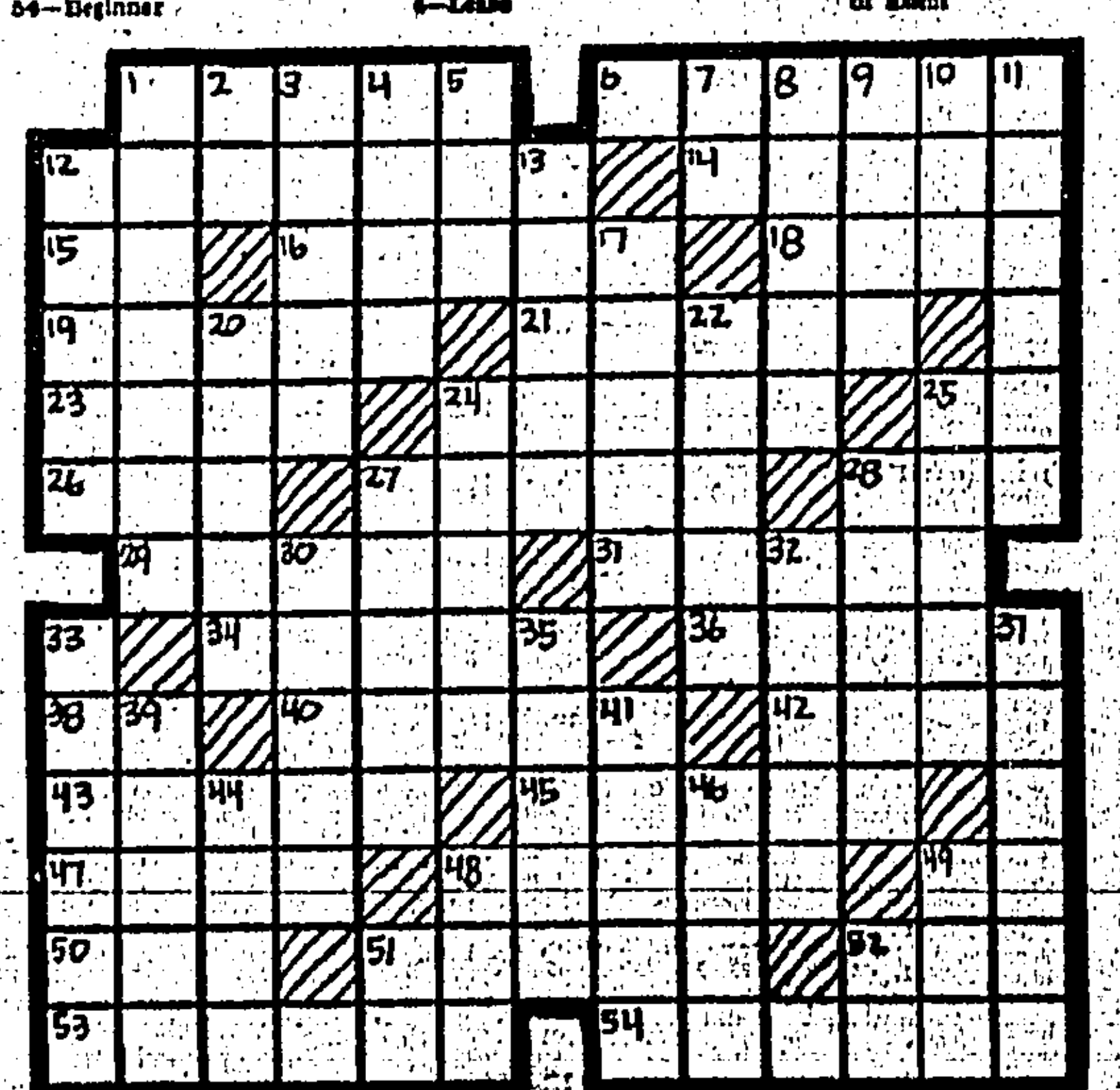
ACROSS

1—Sound loudly
2—Title of respect
3—Those who admit
4—Musical instrument
5—Expression of assent
6—Inversely being
7—Fifteenth of March
8—Worthy of veneration
9—Unhappy
10—Long sea animal
11—Pondered carefully
12—To share
13—Youth
14—Uncommunicative
15—Secure dishonestly
16—Wanders
17—Good time
18—Our group
19—Host of money
20—Firm
21—Meditated upon
22—To share
23—Unit
24—Tantalum
25—Revolve
26—First tooth
27—Support themselves
28—To share
29—Elaborate about
30—Beginner

DOWN

1—Last of laurel-tree
2—Low Latin (abbr.)
3—Accumulate
4—Loose

5—Unit of energy
6—Swearers of Jupiter
7—Dressed, as flag
8—Defect
9—Treated roughly
10—Defect
11—Spanish title of respect
12—Lacking branches of knowledge
13—To share
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Foreign Envoys Received

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 22 (UP).—M. Daladier, the French Foreign Minister, and ex-Premier, received the American, British and Turkish Ambassadors today.

Admiralty Denial

LONDON, May 21 (Reuters).—On enquiry at the Admiralty regarding the German claims that the Nazis had sunk British transports and tankers, "Reuters" was informed that no British transports or tankers were sunk last night in the Battle of Dover by the Germans.

No cause for alarm, Cooper declares

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—Mr. Duff Cooper, Minister of Information, in a broadcast to-night declared that the news is grave, but there is no cause for serious alarm, still less for panic.

By the successful employment of a new technique, small bodies of the German army have succeeded in penetrating a great distance. But they are small bodies, and the army of Britain and the far greater army of France are still there. They are neither in retreat, nor have they suffered heavy loss.

It is impossible to understand what is happening while the battle is still in progress. We hear that one vantage point has been gained, another lost, another regained; and out of these scraps of news imagination is inclined to build vast structures of conjecture.

Three Undisputed Facts

"Three facts alone can be definitely stated. Firstly, the present objective of the enemy is the Channel ports, from where he hopes to launch war upon this island.

"Secondly, small parts of his mechanised troops have succeeded in eluding their opponents in advancing great distances, and coming near to their objective.

"Thirdly, the armies of England and France are undeterred numbers they occupy the battlefield and the counter-attack, when it comes, should prove formidable.

"The swaying fortunes of the fight matter little. It is the end of the battle that counts, and, as I told you last week-end, the end of this battle, whatever it may be, cannot entail the defeat of Great Britain and France in war.

"Meanwhile it is the old story which has been told over again and again, and which nevertheless always comes as a surprise to everyone. The sudden advance, the unexpected weight of the attack, the initial gains, are far greater than were expected. It is the story of August, 1914 and March, 1918, and let us hope it will find the same ending.

Close To Our Shores

"Meanwhile, it is for each one of us to play our part. The battle is being fought close to our shores, so that each and everyone of us is taking part in it. Therefore we are all soldiers, and as such must acquit ourselves.

The first quality of a soldier is courage; a quality in which I am confident we shall not be found wanting.

"Let me repeat to you a warning against the cancer of rumour. I have experienced a good example of it myself this afternoon. "I was told by a perfectly reliable and truthful reporter that the Premier of France had said that nothing but a miracle could save his country. I could hardly believe so stalwart a fighter as M. Reynaud had said anything of the sort, but I am afraid I repeated to several people what I had been told, and it was not until I came to read the actual account that I found he had said something quite different.

What He Really Said

"His message was one of supreme confidence: he firmly announced his faith that nothing could defeat the united forces of the French Republic and the British Empire, and he added that if to-morrow, or at some future date, any faint-hearted person were to come to him and say that nothing but a miracle could save France, he would feel confident that the miracle would be performed because he had faith in the salvation of France.

"I think these grave events will act, indeed they have already acted as a tonic to the nation. I find wherever I go a calm spirit of inflexible determination.

A Different Commons
"The House of Commons this afternoon was a very different assembly from what it was before Whitman. It reminded me of the words of Macaulay: 'Then none was for a Party, and all were for the state.' Our old party differences, which have often been so bitter in the past, and may be so in the future, had been laid aside as playthings for which we had no longer any use. Something of so much greater importance had taken their place. There was only one sentiment in the mind of all—a united Commons, united as perhaps it had never been for the danger is so great and so close.

Mr. Duff Cooper concluded by saying: "We here behind the line must play our part as worthily as those who are keeping watch to-night in the front line, or those who may spring to the attack at dawn to-morrow.

Determined Nation

Eager Response To Mr. Morrison's Call

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The call of Mr. Herbert Morrison, Minister of Supply, to the nation to put its last ounce of strength into the production of arms and the nation's response has formed the theme of many editorials to-day in the British press.

In the past few days, says the "News Chronicle", there has been an upward surge of determination. Everyone feels that the new government is getting right down to the job of fighting the war with the last ounce of strength.

Will To Win
The will to win is striking. Workers believe that they will get a fair deal. There has never been such solidarity as in Britain to-day. The Labour "Daily Herald" says that the Cabinet will hear the views of its Labour members and the Labour M.P.'s must interpret this to the nation.

The "Daily Mail" calls for a 24-hour day for war industries. One shift system in armament factories must be abolished.

The vested interests of capital or labour must not be allowed to hamper the war effort in the rapidly approaching situation in which the whole life of the country may have to be conscripted.

The "Manchester Guardian" says the most serious inadequacy has been the mobilisation of man power. Mr. Bevin, the new Labour Minister, can do much to secure the co-operation of the Unions and to hasten the co-ordination of all branches of national service.

Unbreakable Alliance

"New York Times" On Britain & France

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The "New York Times" in an editorial, says: "Germany is trying to divide France from Britain physically as German diplomacy has previously sought to separate the two Allies spiritually.

"Of one thing we may be certain: the alliance between France and Britain is unbreakable. Both people have a stubborn loyalty, both have a courage which is never more magnificently displayed than in the hour of great trial, both are clear-eyed enough to see that they would be next inevitable victims of the German fury if either of them could be isolated and then defeated through the ability of the German Army to throw its full strength in one direction or other.

Too Solid To Be Broken
"In a union too solid to be broken either by terror of total war or the offer of a treacherous peace, the two nations battle for democracy and freedom."

The "Gothenburg Goteborgsposten" says: "The situation changes to the Allies' advantage in the same degree that the German armoured divisions spread: Then—if not before—the Allies' chance comes. General Weygand certainly knows when to grasp the chance."

ANTI-SABOTEURS GO ON DUTY

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The Chatham division of the local defence organisations, which have been formed in Britain to deal with parachutists and other saboteurs, went on active duty last night after being alerted by General Brownrigg, their commander.

In the Channel Islands, Jersey has decided to set up a similar organisation.

SITUATION IN CHINA

Mr. Butler Says No Material Change

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Robert Gibson asked the Government to make a statement regarding the political situation in China.

Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said there had been no recent change of importance. Some fighting, in which both sides claimed successes, had taken place in Central China.

He understood that there had been no interruptions of missionary activities in the province of Szechuan. Any steps to afford alternative medical and educational facilities provided by the missionary bodies in Szechuan and other Japanese-occupied areas were supplementary to, and were in no way intended to replace those provided by the State.

Hospitals Re-Opened
Mr. Butler added that a number of hospitals were recently re-opened and that it was hoped that further progressive improvements would occur.

Mr. J. J. Davidson, of the Opposition, asked if British policy was regarding this matter as one of complete neutrality, and if so, would the Minister keep in mind what Mr. Winston Churchill had said with regard to neutrality?

Mr. Butler expressed his inability to follow all Mr. Davidson's insinuations but he could say that our policy was to secure improvements wherever possible.

Mr. Davidson remarked that the Chinese Embassy claimed that they recently won one of the greatest victories in the war.

Mr. Butler—"Yes. Mr. Quo Tai-chi communicated to us recently certain reports of that character."

LATEST BRITISH CASUALTY LIST

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—A total of 724 names—90 officers and 634 other ranks—appear in War Office Casualty List No. 4.

The largest number under the various classifications appear under the heading, "Died," namely 41 officers and 525 men.

The list includes five women who died on service.

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The Minister of Health is arranging a reciprocal pool of civilian nursing staffs that they can be sent to any part of the country where the need arises.

"Incredible Mistakes" Will Be Punished

—Reynaud

PARIS, May 21 (Reuter).—France and England cannot be beaten. They cannot die, declared M. Paul Reynaud when he addressed the Senate to-day.

"If people say to me 'a miracle is needed to save France' I would say I believe in miracles. I believe in France."

"Since this morning Arras and Amiens have been occupied by the Germans."

Referring to the collaborations between himself, Marshal Pétain and General Weygand, M. Reynaud said: "We must have confidence in our great leaders, our soldiers and our airmen."

Country In Danger
"The country is in danger and I shall tell the Senate and the nation the truth.

"The French divisions are not numerous on the Meuse. The better troops have been sent to Belgium."

"By reason of incredible mistakes, which will be punished, the bridges over the Meuse were not blown up."

M. Reynaud spoke with great frankness regarding the serious position in which France and the Allies find themselves.

The Premier was supported by his Cabinet including Marshal Pétain, M. Daladier and Mr. Chautemps.

After declaring that Arras and Amiens were in the hands of the Germans, M. Reynaud said, "Belgium, Luxembourg and Holland having been invaded, the enemy unleashed a formidable attack upon the French Army at Sedan."

"Our divisions were not numerous on the Meuse which was defended by troops under General Corp."

"The infiltration of the Meuse is easy for mobile troops."

Army's Disorganisation
The Premier spoke of "disorganisation" of the Army under General Corp.

When he mentioned the name of Marshal Pétain, however, the Senate called out "at last." They rose from their seats and applauded the victor of Verdun.

Continuing, M. Reynaud said that having made a breach, the enemy's motorised divisions went through. The German advance, he said, had continued and since this morning Arras and Amiens had been occupied.

Mine-Layer Sunk: 33 Missing

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that the mine-layer Princess Victoria (Captain J. B. E. Hall) was sunk by an enemy mine.

The Commanding Officer, two officers and 31 ratings are missing, and it is feared that they have lost their lives.

Squeezing Out Our Interests

Questions In Commons About Tientsin

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. J. C. Hannah asked whether the Japanese Army authorities in Tientsin own seven-eighths of the capital of the transport lorry companies to which they have granted a monopoly.

He asked whether for the movement of goods into and out of the British Concession \$15 an hour is charged for the hire of a lorry.

Lord Halifax Enquiring

He also asked whether those lorries were deliberately detained at the barriers for from a day to two weeks until sufficient revenue had been earned to satisfy the Japanese military authorities; the amount being determined in advance by the nature and value of the cargo.

He asked if the Under-Secretary would call attention of the Japanese Government to this injustice in the British interests.

Mr. R. A. Butler replied that Lord Halifax was causing enquiries to be made.

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—General Maxime Weygand, with the all-embracing title of Commander-in-Chief of All Allied Armies in all Theatres of War, has superseded General Gamelin, whose previous post has been suppressed.

PARACHUTE TROOPS IN ACTION

Play Big Part In Somme Attack

PARIS, May 21 (Reuter).—Parachute troops, armed with incendiary equipment and explosives, appear to have taken a leading part in a strong German attack launched north of the Somme late this afternoon and during the night, according to reports received here.

They made immediately for road junctions, stations and bridges as well as for public buildings.

Must Have Assistance
It is pointed out that such troops, dropped in large numbers as was the case last night, may create a serious situation. However, they cannot carry out thorough occupation without the help of considerable ground forces, especially infantry.

Last night's attack seems to have been aimed rather at weakening the Allied resistance than in obtaining an immediately decisive result.

The ground part of the attack was led by motor cyclists and light armoured units boldly launched westward.

TREACHERY BILL TO BE PASSED

LONDON, May 21 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister in the House of Commons said the Treachery Bill will pass all stages to-morrow.

Viscount Colclough in the House of Lords stated that it will pass all stages there on May 23.



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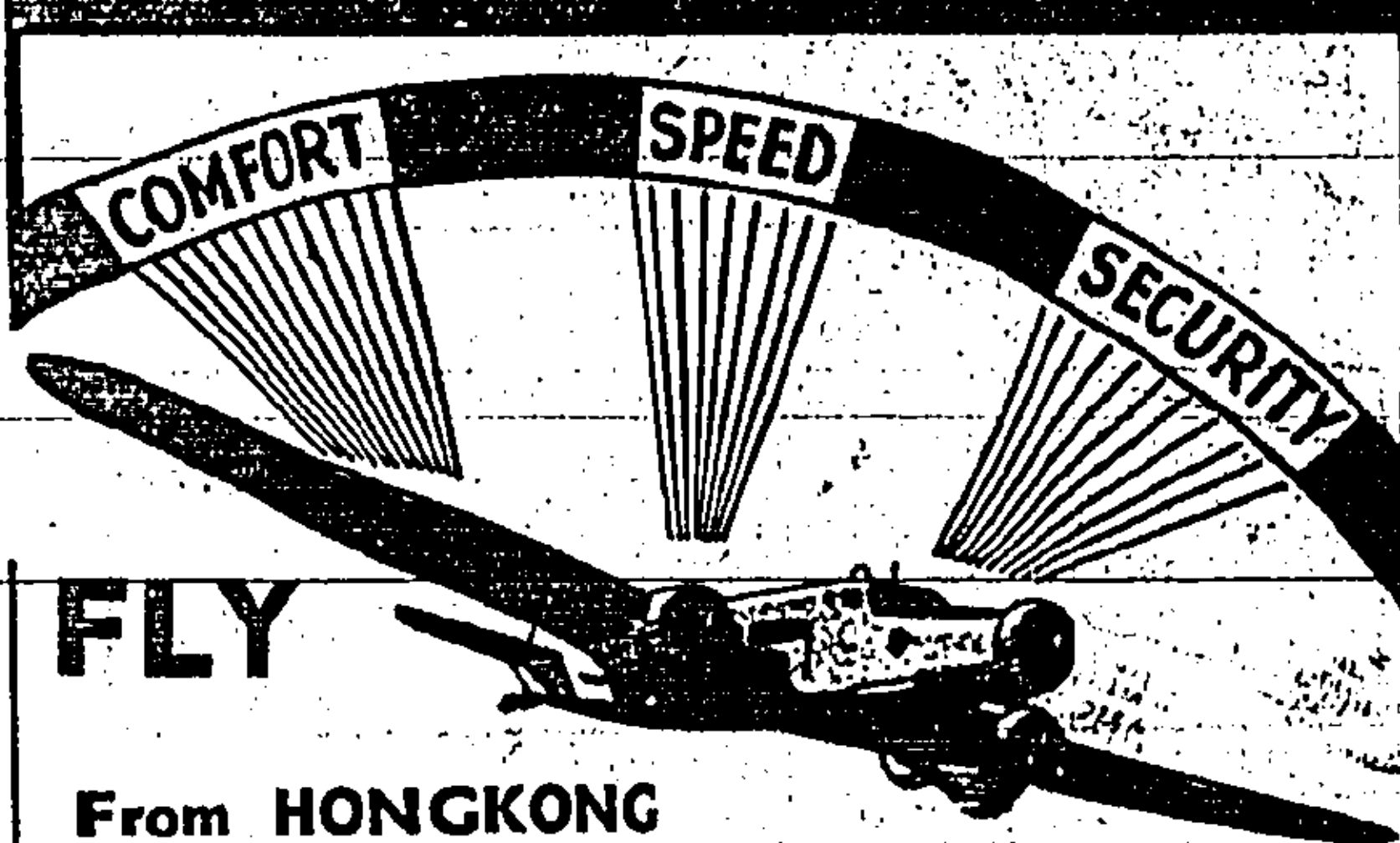
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Red Sox Beat Tigers By 11-8

NEW YORK, May 21 (UP).—Boston Red Sox consolidated their position at the head of the American Baseball League table today with a victory over the Detroit Tigers by 11-8. Cleveland Indians, their nearest rivals, were swamped by the New York Yankees 10-2.

Complete scores were:

| AMERICAN LEAGUE | | | |
|--|----|----|----|
| | R. | H. | E. |
| Boston | 11 | 11 | 0 |
| Detroit | 8 | 10 | 1 |
| New York | 10 | 12 | 1 |
| Cleveland | 2 | 3 | 2 |
| Washington | 8 | 11 | 2 |
| Chicago | 0 | 15 | 1 |
| The Philadelphia-St. Louis match was postponed on account of rain. | | | |

| NATIONAL LEAGUE | | | |
|--|----|----|----|
| | R. | H. | E. |
| Chicago | 3 | 12 | 0 |
| Brooklyn | 4 | 6 | 1 |
| The St. Louis-New York, Cincinnati-Boston, and Pittsburgh-Philadelphia games were postponed on account of the weather. | | | |

AIR MAIL LEAVES THIS MORNING

Captain A. R. Williamson, Jardine Matheson's Marine Superintendent in Shanghai, was a passenger for London by Imperial Airways' Delia, which left this morning. He is going on long leave. Mr. D. Fraser was also a passenger for London.

Captain Luang Prasad, of the Thai Navy, left for Bangkok.

The plane, which was piloted by Captain A. B. Dykes and First Officer I. Harvey, carried 574 lbs. of mail. Pan America's Clipper did not take off from Manila at the usual time this morning, but it is still possible that she will come to-day.

The weekly Air France machine is due this afternoon.

Inward Mail Service

There will be no inward air mail to-morrow. Due, it is believed, to a delay on the main line, the inward plane will not arrive until Friday.

Planes will thus come in on Friday and Sunday, and not on Saturday and Sunday as notified.

Clipper Again Delayed

Pan America's Honolulu Clipper, which should have arrived on Tuesday, has been further delayed in Manila by bad weather and is now expected to-morrow afternoon.

Inter-Departmental League Final

THE FINAL MATCH to decide the champions of the inter-departmental Miniature Football League, run by the War Department Chinese Staff Recreation Club, will be played off between teams representing the D.C.R.E. and R.A.O.C. "C" on the H.V.D. Recreation ground, Causeway Bay, to-day, at 4 p.m. sharp.

Players to represent D.C.R.E. are Young Pui-sum, Ip Yau, Chan Kai-lai, Chung Oi-cheung, Ip So, Lam Tak-po, Ip Pak-wah, Wong Tak-cheung, Wong Tai and Li Cheung. While those for R.A.O.C. "C" are Yan Tak-chung, Wong Chun-fook, Leung Ping-sum, Ho Ping-kec, Leung Ching-wah, Chu Wing-kuen, Chung Kwan-chuen, Cheung Koon-sang, Lam Kee and Lal Kong-ll.

Several players of the D.C.R.E. are in either the South China senior or junior teams, while among those playing for the R.A.O.C. "C" team are representatives of the Interport Hongkong Miniature Football Association team. A keen struggle is anticipated.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary issued yesterday says: Enquiries on a moderately extensive scale came into the market during the day. Some bargains were acquired but at the close scrip was not quite so plentiful.

Buyers

H.K. Bank \$1,310
Union Insurance \$445
China Lights (Old) \$8.50
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 102 1/4
Sellers

Docks Rts. \$0.20
Sales

Union Insurance \$450
Docks Ex. Rts. \$18 1/4
Lands \$34
Humphreys \$8
Trams \$16 1/4
China Lights (Old) \$8.50

LATE NEWS

Canton Insurance Annual Meeting EXCELLENT YEAR'S WORKING REPORTED

An appreciable improvement during 1938 on the workings of the year 1937 was reported at the annual general meeting of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., held this morning in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. Ltd.

The acting chairman, Mr. T. E. Pearce, announced that a final dividend in respect of the year 1938, of \$7 per share, and an interim dividend in respect of the year 1939, of \$5 per share, would be paid.

In the absence of the Chairman, Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, who is indisposed, Mr. T. E. Pearce took the chair and was supported by the following members of the Consulting Committee, Messrs. D. E. Clark, A. H. Compton, Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, J. H. Taggart and F. C. Hall (Secretary).

The following shareholders were also present, Messrs. D. L. Newbigging, D. V. Stevenson, Ho Koon-tong, D. Hung, M. H. Lo, M. W. Lo, P. Fleming, C. B. Brown and S. H. Ross.

Before reading the report, Mr. T. E. Pearce apologised for the absence of the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, who was indisposed, and whom he hoped would make a speedy recovery.

Chairman's Speech

Mr. Pearce said: "The Statement of Accounts for the year 1938, which we now present to you, is, I am pleased to say, an appreciable improvement on that for 1937, the balance of \$1,228,070.07 being better by \$316,300.24 and this despite the fact that income from Premium and Interest fell by over \$336,000. A comparison of ratios between the two years reveals Losses at 54.27 per cent. for 1938 as against 69.03 per cent. for 1937, while the rise to 30.20 per cent. from 26.43 per cent. in respect of Charges is but the natural sequence to the drop in premium."

The Underwriting Surplus, after twenty-four months working, was 15.53 per cent. as against 3.04 per cent. for the year 1937 at the same stage. Interest shows a decline of \$93,133.11, this being mainly due to the continued shrinkage in the sterling value of the Chinese National Dollar.

Working Account Balance

The balance at credit of Working Account 1938, as at December 31, last, stood at \$1,888,000.34 and although this is less by \$285,020.10 than the carry forward for Account 1938 at the same stage, we are hopeful that the elimination of certain unsatisfactory business will result in the outturn at the end of the current year, comparing—not unfavourably with that for 1938. This Account likewise discloses a fall in interest of \$69,000 when compared with the Account for 1938, also at the end of twelve months.

A review of the Balance Sheet will show that the total of assets has fallen by H.K.\$1,350,671.78 or £34,203-2-11, as expressed in Sterling; this contraction, as explained by the Chairman last year, is due very largely to the loss sustained on our holdings of Shanghai Mortgages and Debentures, which still continue both as regards market price and exchange, and also to London claims attaching to earlier years which have made severe inroads into the Underwriting Suspense Account. I am pleased to say that the position in the latter respect has now been almost entirely liquidated.

Surplus Apportioned

The Insurance Fund remains at approximately the same figure as last year, while the Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account and Underwriting Suspense Account reveal decreases of \$601,811.82 and \$803,773.00, respectively.

All Investment and Mortgage loans have been included at customary, or under-market price or face value respectively.

The surplus to be dealt with for

over an area of about 1,000 square miles, some near the frontier and some near the British zone, where one evacuated town was the scene of street fighting yesterday.

But it is still impossible to refer to a front.

In the words of an officer who is in a position to know, the British were everywhere "fighting like hell."

Spirit Remains High

The spirit of the British soldiers remains apparently as high as ever. I saw one lorry load on its way to reinforce one area of the battle, filled with singing men.

Air action continues on the same scale. Last night I saw street casualties inflicted by German bombs, and no one can count on a night's rest now.

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